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Clinton's Commitment: 'Action, Not Words'

At State Dept., New Faces May Recall Carter Days

By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — After 12 years out of office, the Democrats can dip into a talent pool for domestic policy and find experienced people in academia and industry...

He and Leaders In the Congress See a 'New Era'

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton joined leaders of Congress on Monday to invoke "a new era" of close cooperation between the White House and the legislature...



GERMANS RETHINK ASYLUM ISSUE — Björn Engholm, chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, left, and Oskar Lafontaine, deputy chairman, at a party conference in Bonn on Monday that was on the verge of dropping opposition to a change in Germany's liberal policy toward asylum-seekers.

EC Partners Assail France For Blocking Farm Talks

Agriculture Officials Close Ranks Behind the Community Negotiator

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune PARIS — France's latest effort to block a possible deal between the European Community and the United States over farm subsidies backfired Monday as Paris came under attack from some of its own allies for undermining Europe's negotiating stance.

Paris Rebuffs Bonn on Taiwan Jet Sale

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune PARIS — France has brushed aside German concerns about an Airbus deal with China in order to sell Mirage fighter-bombers worth \$2.5 billion to Taiwan, officials said Monday.

Despite its public objections, the German government has little leverage on this issue with France. Airbus and its French contractor, Aerospatiale, can survive a cancellation of the Chinese order for a dozen Airbuses.

Some — like Michael Mandelbaum, of Johns Hopkins University, and Nancy Soderberg, a former aide to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, who was named deputy to Mr. Berger last week — are newcomers who gained prominence during the campaign.

Kiosk



POLITICAL DIVORCE IN LITHUANIA — President Vytautas Landsbergis in Vilnius on Monday after his independence party, Sajudis, lost the general elections to former Communists.

How the U.S. Blocked Nuclear Sales to Iran

By Steve Coll Washington Post Service VIENNA — Iran was on the verge earlier this year of obtaining from China and Argentina equipment that would have allowed it to begin its own nuclear manufacturing, but quiet intervention by the United States has blocked the transfers.

Japanese Argue On Plutonium, But Keep Plan

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service TOKYO — While a Japanese freighter steams ahead on its round-the-world voyage with a one-ton cargo of highly toxic plutonium, Japanese bureaucrats are in a running argument over the basic policy that launched the controversial shipment in the first place.

A Bardic Tradition Lives, but Just Barely

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service NANKAN, Japan — Yoshiyuki Yamashita is 91. His fingers are so stiff that he says it is hard to pick up his biwa, the battered wooden lute he carried for decades through farming villages across Japan's southern reaches.

Table with financial data: Dow Jones Down 27.29, Trib Index Down 1.19%, The Dollar, Yen, Pound, FF.

Detroit Policemen Charged

DETROIT (AP) — Two white policemen were charged with second-degree murder on Monday in the slaying of a black motorist on Nov. 5.

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★ POLITICAL VOTES ★

For Clinton, Not Yet Time for Air Force One

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton will fly in a military jet to Washington for his Wednesday meeting with President George Bush, the White House said.

It will be one of the jets from the presidential fleet, said the spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, but not the one customarily used for Air Force One.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton will meet one-on-one in the Oval Office for an hour, and Mr. Clinton and his wife, Hillary, will stay Wednesday night in Blair House, the VIP guest residence a half-block from the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Barbara Bush will give Mrs. Clinton a look at her new home on Thursday, Mr. Fitzwater said. Mrs. Bush, now in Houston house-hunting, will not return to the White House until Wednesday evening.

It will be Mr. Clinton's first trip since the election and the first time he has flown on a military aircraft as president-elect. Mr. Bush will retain use of Air Force One, a Boeing 747, until inauguration day, Jan. 20.

Mr. Fitzwater said the Air Force was likely to use a C-9 jet, a military version of the DC-9, for the president-elect's trip.

"President Bush will simply reiterate that he wants a smooth transition and will cooperate in any way possible," Mr. Fitzwater said. "I'm sure they'll have some matters to discuss in terms of international affairs and perhaps also dealing with Congress."

"There's no fixed agenda — whatever President-elect Clinton wants to talk about," Mr. Fitzwater added. (AP)

Matching Aides and Jobs — the Latest Names

WASHINGTON — Every president-elect pays back top campaign aides with jobs in his administration — though some job offers turn out to be less than the best or the brightest. The latest campaign names being floated out of Bill Clinton's headquarters as prime job prospects seem to have adequate wage.

Heading the latest list of prospects is the Democratic national chairman, Ronald H. Brown, who is being considered for either U.S. trade representative or secretary of commerce. He is clearly owed a big job, an insider says, but probably will not get either of two biggest posts he has been mentioned for: secretary of state or attorney general.

Bruce Lindsey, a Clinton campaign director, may wind up as counselor to the president. And Mark D. Gezan, Vice President-elect Al Gore's campaign chief of staff, could become White House press secretary. (LAT)

Barbara Bush Now House-Hunting in Houston

WASHINGTON — Among the first of the personal tasks facing George Bush is figuring out where he will live when he leaves Washington Jan. 20. His house in Kennebunkport, Maine, is not fully winterized, and he spent much of his adult life — apart from his time in Washington — in Houston.

Throughout his presidency, his "home" in Houston was a rented suite in the Houstonian Hotel, and his official voting residence was a narrow, vacant lot not well-sited for a building. Thus, it falls to his wife Barbara to begin checking out properties lined up by friends in Houston as potential winter homes.

Mrs. Bush kissed her husband good-bye at the steps of Air Force One at the end of a Florida fishing vacation and then flew to Houston to begin looking for a new home for the president and herself. (LAT)

Puerto Rican Statehood — a New Old Issue

WASHINGTON — Statehood for Puerto Rico, a volatile issue that died in a Senate committee more than a year ago, may be headed back to Congress following the sweeping victory by statehood supporters on the Caribbean island earlier this month.

As a result of the startling defeat that backers of Puerto Rico's current U.S. commonwealth status suffered in the Nov. 3 elections, a three-way referendum on the island's future now appears certain sometime next year.

If that vote follows the pattern of this month's election, as many predict it will, the result is likely to be a petition to Congress to make the impoverished U.S. possession the 51st state. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, on Mr. Bush's need for a vacation to get used to the idea of losing: "You put everything into it. You fight hard for six, eight months. You think you're going to win. It's your whole life, and so it takes a day or two to turn around your thinking. But by this time everybody is in good shape." (AP)

Away From Politics

- Jury selection began in the trial of Kristi Lynn Caldwell, 17, charged in McKinney, Texas, with soliciting the murder of her parents because they disapproved of her boyfriend.
- An "unusual event" occurred at the Oyster Creek nuclear plant in Fork River, New Jersey. Operators reduced power because of a problem with sealing the reactor building. An "unusual event" is the lowest of four emergency categories in operation of nuclear plants.
- A wooden balcony packed with party-goers collapsed and plunged 25 feet (about 8 meters) onto a rocky shoreline at Malibu, California, killing one person and injuring 20, authorities said.
- A Harpoon anti-ship missile was accidentally launched in the Caribbean by the U.S. Navy in 1982, posing a deadly threat to civilian and military ships in the area, the Houston Chronicle reported. According to the report, the navy admitted the powerful missile, carrying 500 pounds (about 225 kilograms) of explosives, flew to the limit of its range just above the wave tops before falling harmlessly into the sea.
- The delivery of a radar system to the National Hurricane Center has been moved up because of a natural disaster in the United States and another on the other side of the globe. A \$3.5-million Doppler radar system originally planned for use at Clark Air Base in the Philippines will be delivered to the Coral Gables forecasting center in Florida as early as February, 13 months ahead of schedule. The eruption of Mount Pinatubo caused the closure of Clark, and a hurricane damaged the weather service radar in August.
- Several suicides among Emergency Medical Service workers in New York City may be due to the stress of dealing with other people's traumas, a report suggested. Three deaths this year among the city's 3,000 emergency workers were confirmed suicides, according to American Medical News, an American Medical Association weekly journal.
- Cambridge has granted legal recognition to homosexual couples. It became the first city in Massachusetts and 19th nationally to do so. Several gay and lesbian couples were to sign affidavits at the city clerk's office in order to gain certain rights now extended to married couples. (UPI, AP)
- Catholic bishops tried to salvage their document about women even as more denunciations of it surged from church ranks. The document affirms the worth of women but says they cannot be priests. It was questioned by some bishops at the opening of their autumn meeting in Washington. Several challenged deletions in earlier drafts and asked how much it was influenced by Vatican interventions.

Lifting of Ban on Gay Troops? Try to Tell That to the Marines

By Eric Schmitt
New York Times Service

JACKSONVILLE, North Carolina — For years, they have carried the burden of double lives, existing behind the cover of fictitious girlfriends and boyfriends and marriages of convenience. Behind their crisp salutes and the don't-mess-with-me swagger, they have hidden the anxiety of being discovered and thrown out of the service.

Now, gay and lesbian soldiers look forward to the day when President-elect Bill Clinton will lift their veil of secrecy by following through on his promise to overturn the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces.

But they also fear that a darker, more troublesome time looms as the tradition-bound military braces for one of its greatest cultural changes.

The tremors of the brewing showdown are palpable in this conservative military town that is home to Camp Lejeune and its 43,000 Marines and sailors — the largest Marine Corps base on the East Coast.

"This is a very macho, masculine, homophobic bunch, and there will be some hell raised," said Gary Hendricks, 25, a gay former corporal who decided to leave the Marines last August after six years, including four months in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

Gay Marines here said they would continue to keep a low profile among co-workers after the ban is lifted, fearing harassment and possible violence from other Marines who oppose the policy change.

The apprehensiveness seems warranted. Homosexual servicemen at bases around the country openly expressed anger and concern about Mr. Clinton's proposal. Some threatened to quit the service. Others said they expected harassment of homosexuals to increase.

"We just don't want them around us — we just want them to stay out of the Marine Corps," said Corporal Russell Phillips, 23, an infantryman here.

Lance Corporal Jeff Byrum, 23, another infantryman, said, "It would be like putting me in the barracks and the showers with women."

Gay soldiers said that publicized fears that rescinding the ban would ruin morale played on the worst stereotypes of gay people as promiscuous and feeble.

"That's ridiculous," said a bisexual Marine sergeant who has spent 12 years in the military. "What I do in my private life I keep totally separate from my work."

No one knows exactly how many gay men and lesbians serve in the 1.6-million-member armed forces, but 14,000 have been discharged for homosexuality over the last decade.

In the area around Norfolk, Virginia, home to more than 110,000 navy personnel, opposition to lifting the ban is widespread. Sailors often spend six months at sea, berthed in triple-stacked bunks. Several seamen said avowed homosexuals would add intolerable stress to the cramped quarters.

"Out at sea, there would be no place for them to go but after you," said Petty Officer 3d Class Dainyon Green, a cook on a destroyer.

At Fort Hood, Texas, a huge army installation that sees thousands of troops to the Gulf, some soldiers said they would quit the army rather than serve with avowed homosexuals.

"If you work with some guy, who's gay, how can you be sure you won't get AIDS?" said James Pearson, 26, a mechanic.

Other soldiers acknowledged that thousands of gays serve ably in the military, often with the knowledge of sympathetic co-workers and superiors. These soldiers said they would judge homosexuals on their job performance, not their sexual orientation.

"As long as they don't bother me, I don't have no problem," said Specialist 4 Chienara Early, who is assigned to Fort Jackson.

Most homosexuals interviewed said that lifting the ban would probably mean few outward changes in their lives. "I don't think there will be a mad rush of raging queens down to the nearest recruiting office," said Mr. Hendricks, the former Marine who is now a fork-lift operator in Jacksonville. "The two lifestyles just don't mesh."

Given the current ban and the overt hostility toward homosexuals in the armed services, one wonders why gay people join up.

Gay military men and women said that they were often unsure of their sexual orientation when they entered the military in their late teens or early 20s. By the time they acknowledged their identity, many of them said, they were reluctant to give up the parts of military life they liked: camaraderie, excellent education benefits, overseas travel and leadership challenges.



Mrs. Clinton greeting Mr. Gephart, right, and Mr. Foley.

Meeting Gives Mrs. Clinton a Higher Profile

United Press International

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton, in answering a question Monday, may have added more fuel to speculation over the role that his wife, Hillary, will play in his administration.

During a news conference at the State House, Mr. Clinton was asked whether his wife had been at meetings on Sunday with him, Vice President-elect Al Gore and Democratic congressional leaders.

"She was," Mr. Clinton said. "She stayed the whole time. Talked a lot. She knew more than we did about some things."

Mrs. Clinton's style during the presidential primaries fueled speculation about how much influence she would have in a Clinton administration. But during the general election campaign, her role was muted.

Fired Official Links White House to Clinton Files

By Walter Fincus
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The State Department official dismissed last week for searching passport files of President George Bush's election opponents said he approved the searches after being told the White House wanted to see whether the files contained "some letter of recommendation of citizenship" by Bill Clinton.

The allegation by the official, Elizabeth M. Tamposi, links the Bush White House for the first time to the search in State Department records for information about President-elect Clinton, at the time the Democratic candidate.

According to her new, expanded recounting of events, Ms. Tamposi said that on Sept. 28, the acting assistant secretary of state for legislative affairs, Steven K. Berry, called her at a hotel in Seattle and told her that the White House, "working through Janet Mullins," wanted this "very important information." Ms. Mullins is a senior aide to James A. Baker 3d, the White House chief of staff.

Ms. Tamposi said she approved a search of Mr. Clinton's files two days later, when Freedom of Information Act requests that had been filed earlier came to her attention.

The search turned up nothing to indicate that the Democratic candidate had any interest in renouncing his citizenship to avoid the draft during the Vietnam War. But the fact that the searches were made, apparently in violation of department guidelines, became an issue in the final days of the campaign. Officials also pulled the passport files of Ross Perot and of Mr. Clinton's mother.

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But on Sept. 30, she said she was told by a subordinate that he needed her approval for a search of those same records for material about Mr. Clinton, justified by the requests from three news organizations, the sources said. Ms. Tamposi approved those requests but said that three of her deputies had to be present to ensure that the search was done correctly. Searches were conducted Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Still, Ms. Tamposi said that because of Mr. Berry's earlier request, she called him, Margaret D. Tutwiler, who is Mr. Baker's top assistant, and John F. W. Rogers, an undersecretary of state, to tell them about the searches.

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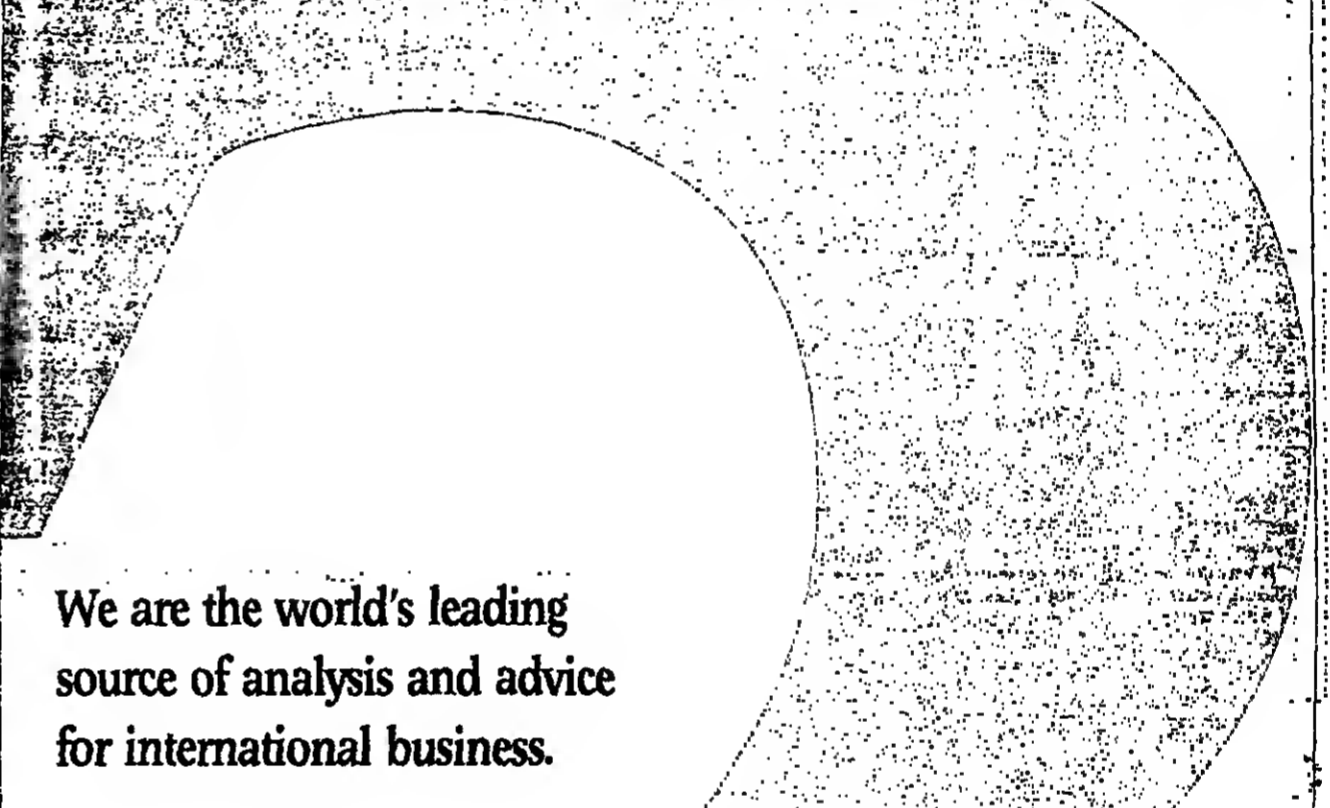
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U.S. Court Allows Caps On Malpractice Awards

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday let Missouri limit the amount of money paid to victims of medical malpractice.

The court, over one dissenting vote, let stand the state-imposed cap on malpractice lawsuit awards, which was challenged on behalf of a girl, Nicole Adams, who was left blind and severely brain-damaged by an anesthesia error during an operation.

A jury had awarded \$2.2 million in damages and \$5.3 million in noneconomic damages, intended as compensation for the girl's disability and suffering. But a 1991 Missouri law capped noneconomic damages in malpractice cases at \$430,000.

The Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the limit on damages did not violate either the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection or the state constitution's due-process requirement.

Only Justice Byron R. White voted to hear arguments in the case. Four votes are needed to grant such review.

The action did not set any national precedent, and did not represent a ruling on the merits of Missouri's law. But the effect in Missouri is just as if the justices had upheld the state law.

The justices previously have left intact similar laws in California and Idaho that limit medical mal-

practice awards. Many states have tried to hold down insurance costs by limiting damage awards in medical cases and other personal injury lawsuits.

At 8, Nicole underwent a skin graft operation for burns. She was given too much of a solution to replace body fluids lost during surgery. She suffered temporary heart and breathing failure, and lost the oxygen flow to her brain for about 6 minutes. Now 13, she is unable to care for herself and needs constant supervision.

In other action, the court:

- Agreed to decide whether the testimony of federal trial witnesses may be challenged by telling the jury about their prior convictions for willful tax evasion. A Pennsylvania case will be used to resolve conflicting appeals court rulings over the admissibility of such evidence.
- Set aside a ruling that ash produced by garbage-recycling plants is hazardous waste and requires costly methods of storage and disposal.
- Refused to reinstate a California law that denied some veterans' benefits to men and women who did not live in the state when they joined the military.
- Agreed to resolve a dispute over the federal government's effort to hold down the subsidies it pays to owners of low-income housing.

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Political Heir's Illness Worries Singapore

By Michael Richardson
International Herald Tribune
SINGAPORE — Lee Hsien Loong, the man widely expected to be Singapore's next prime minister, is undergoing treatment for cancer, the government said Monday, raising questions about the future leadership of a country that has become a model for economic development.

Mr. Lee, 40, deputy prime minister and minister for trade and industry, is a son of Lee Kuan Yew, prime minister of Singapore for 31

years until he stepped down in 1990 to become senior minister in the cabinet. The elder Mr. Lee is 69.

Lee Hsien Loong has been considered the most likely successor to Goh Chok Tong, 51, who took over as prime minister two years ago.

His illness "introduces a serious note of uncertainty into what had seemed would be a smooth and well-planned political succession in Singapore," a Western diplomat said.

In a statement Monday intended to calm public nervousness, the

government quoted an American cancer specialist as saying that Mr. Lee had at least a "90 percent" chance of being cured.

Analysts said that if Mr. Lee made a full recovery, the orderly succession that his father believes is essential for Singapore's stability would likely occur.

But should he be forced by illness to retire from politics, it could generate tensions in the governing People's Action Party, because there is no other obvious successor, analysts said.

The statement issued by the government also said that Ong Teng Cheong, Singapore's other deputy prime minister, had a "low grade" form of cancer.

News of the two illnesses sent tremors through Singapore, an island-state that depends heavily for its prosperity on strong leadership and political stability.

The government issued the statement on the medical condition of the two deputy prime ministers following a sharp fall in the Singapore stock market Monday as nervous investors dumped shares on rumors that the two men were ailing.

The benchmark Straits Times Industrial Index plunged nearly 33 points, or 2.25 percent, to close at 1,414.27.

Singapore, a densely populated and multiethnic country without natural resources, has developed into a flourishing financial, manufacturing and communications hub largely because investors have confidence in the sound economic management and political continuity of the government.

A spokesman for Mr. Goh said that no immediate cabinet changes were expected.

"Any changes in the government's leadership would be premature at this time," he said.

The official statement said that Mr. Lee had localized cancer of the rectum. He began chemotherapy treatment on Monday after doctors said there was a high probability of long-term cure.

Mr. Ong, 56, was diagnosed as having a low-grade malignant lymphoma in the neck, with minimal involvement of the bone marrow. The statement said that doctors had recommended that no treatment be given at the present time, and that Mr. Ong had decided not to undergo chemotherapy.

Mr. Goh, the prime minister, was quoted in the Singapore press on Monday as saying that his most urgent task was to find people of ministerial caliber to renew the ranks of the cabinet.

Panamanian Voters Rebuff Leader As They Reject Plan to Scrap Army

Agence France-Presse
PANAMA CITY — A referendum to scrap Panama's military and amend the constitution was defeated in a vote seen as a plebiscite on the performance of President Guillermo Endara.

The vote Sunday was the first since U.S. forces in 1989 toppled the Panamanian ruler, Manuel Antonio Noriega, now serving a 40-year prison sentence in the United States for drug-trafficking.

"We defeated these clowns," said Gerardo Gonzalez, president

of the pro-Noriega Democratic Revolutionary Party.

Voters rejected a package of 58 constitutional changes, including one that would have made Panama the second Latin American country to eliminate its armed forces after Costa Rica, which did so in 1949.

With 75 percent of the ballots counted, the "no" vote led the "yes" vote 63.4 percent to 31.77 percent. The Electoral Tribunal said nearly 60 percent of the 1.4 million eligible voters did not cast ballots.

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Naval Chief Assassinated In Sri Lanka

Reuters
COLOMBO — A man on an explosives-laden motorcycle crashed into a car carrying Sri Lanka's navy commander Monday, killing him and three other people in a daylight attack in the center of the capital. The Defense Ministry said the blast killed Vice Admiral Clarence Fernando, his bodyguard, his personal assistant and the driver of the car.

The motorcyclist, also killed, was believed to belong to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrilla group, which has been fighting for more than nine years for a separate Tamil homeland in the north and east of the Indian Ocean island. Monday's was the third major suicide attack in the capital in two years.

The incident caused the New Zealand cricket team to cancel its three-test tour of Sri Lanka. "They are going back," a cricket board spokesman said. "The New Zealand team has expressed its wish to return home."

Shattering of a Somali Family

By Jane Perlez
New York Times Service
BARDERA, Somalia — By traditional Somali standards, the family of Nur Ibrahim Omer and his wife, Fatima Ali Abdi, was well-to-do. They herded livestock over vast and empty spaces, drank camel's milk and celebrated with singing and dancing when the seasons were good. They were self-sufficient, living a pastoral existence that had changed little for centuries.

Modernity arrived about three years ago when men from a rival subclan armed with assault rifles, instead of the usual spears, swept in and stole their camels, cattle and goats. Bereft of their wealth and the means to recreate it, the once-proud family began a steady slide into destitution.

In August, after three of their children had died and the last of the grain was gone, Mr. Omer and his wife bunched up their favorite cooking pots, collected their three surviving children and shuffled, stooped and weak, for three days to this bush outpost.

They came because word had spread through the countryside — and the glint of planes in the sky telegraphed for those who had not heard — that foreign food was providing some relief from hunger.

For three months, the couple and their children have lived in a displaced, sheltered more or less in an igloo-shaped hut of sticks and sheets of plastic, living hand to mouth on food aid, supplemented by whatever Mrs. Abdi can buy with pennies earned from selling firewood and water.

The story of what happened to the family, whose members had based themselves for generations in the village of Bahole, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of here, is a microcosm of how Somali society, particularly in the central and southern sections of the country, has shattered, mostly under the weight of clan fighting and to a lesser extent under drought.

More than anything else, the hit-and-run clan skirmishing, raised to a new level of violence by the automatic rifles given to Somalia by the Cold War superpowers, contributed to the famine that has engulfed the country. It was in those raids and fighting that more than one-third of the country's livestock perished, veterinarians estimate.

The lives of Mrs. Abdi and Mr. Omer were wrecked in this fashion about three years ago — it is hard to know precisely because Somalis tend to be vague about time — when the gunmen stole their livestock.

They came on a Thursday, when President Mohammed Siad Barre was still president," said Mr. Omer, 50. "They came with guns, and at first they took the 30 cattle. We were cornered and had nowhere to go.

About a week later, they took his 50 camels and 40 goats.

"I should have shouted against them," Mrs. Abdi said. "But what can you shout against guns?"

The looters came from the same clan, the Hawiye, but a different subclan, the Ajuran, Mr. Omer said. The violence was directed against his family because their subclan, the Awromale, was accused of supporting Mr. Barre.

"Whoever seizes power is our president," he said. But he added that he had considered Mr. Barre a good president.

"The day he left the chair everything collapsed," he said, referring to the violence that has ruled in Somalia since Mr. Barre's 21-year dictatorship was toppled in January 1991.

Mrs. Abdi, 40, said the local oral history included stories of terrible famines in which people were reduced to eating camel skin, times so bad that the dancing ended.

"Now we are in a terrible mess ourselves," she said. The dancing has stopped again. "What was there to dance for?" she asked.

Left without his animals, his prime wealth, Mr. Omer said he had tried to plant crops. He owned considerable land in one of the most fertile areas of Somalia, but he had no luck.

"I planted and they died; I planted and they died," he said. "We had no rain. We were waiting for God."

By sharing with relatives in the village and judiciously using the small quantities of grain they had salvaged from their failed crops, the family was able to survive until the middle of this year.

Refugees Near Aden As Cargo

Reuters
SANA'A, Yemen — A refugee ship packed with Somali refugees, including up to 400 children, was under French naval escort bound for the Yemeni port of Aden on Monday night.

The French warship Commandant Ducuing, carrying emergency supplies, sailed the Gulf of Aden on Monday to reach the refugee ship, said by its owners to have been hijacked.

A French Navy spokesman said in Paris that the situation on board was less serious than had been feared. The two vessels left Mukalla for Aden where they are expected tomorrow," he said.

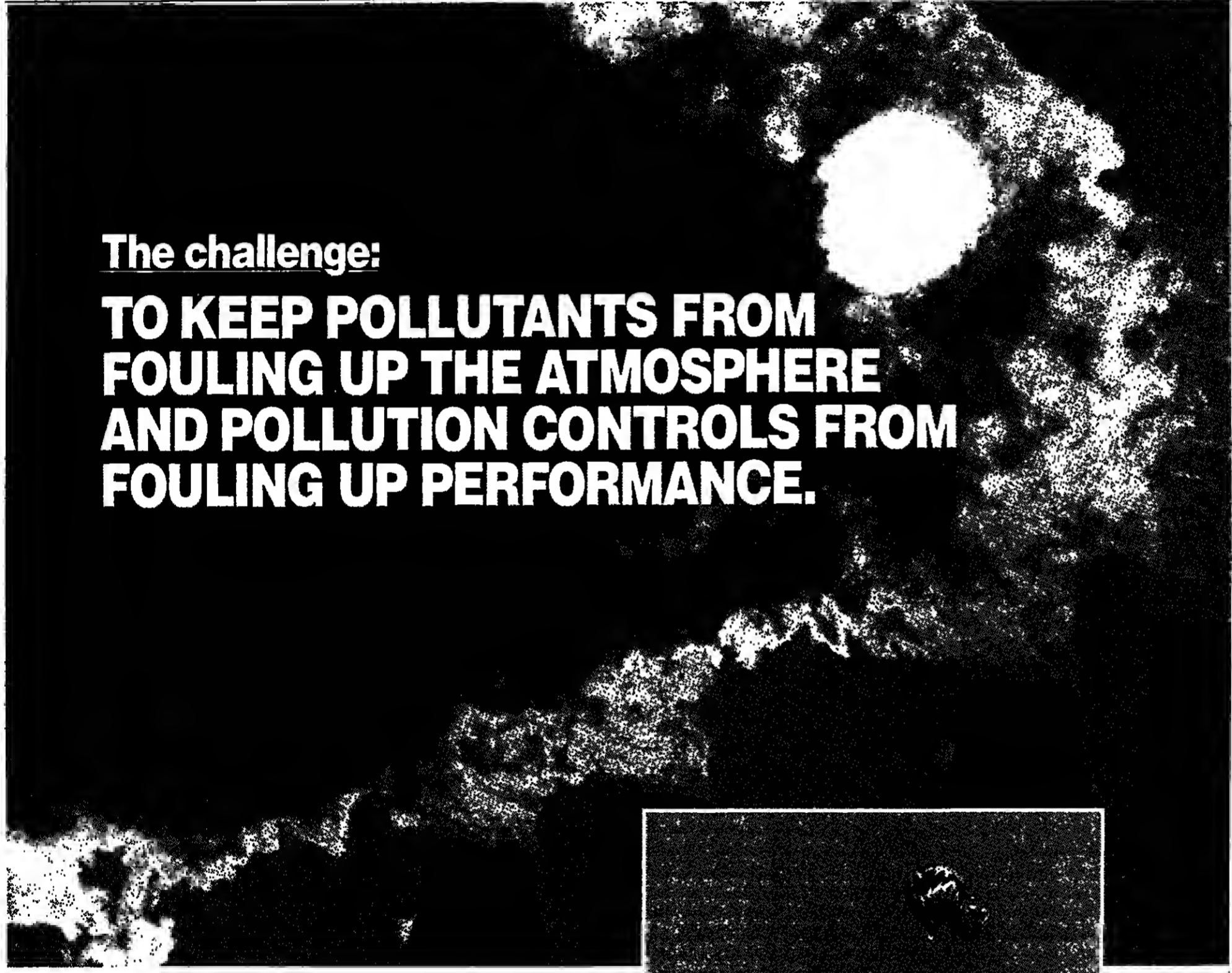
"There is no food, no medicine, no water," a spokeswoman of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva said of conditions on board the freighter Samaa-1. She said the 3,000 people on the freighter were packed in "like sardines" and up to 400 small children on board needed treatment for dehydration.

Relief officials said food and water had been ferried to the ship while it was anchored off Mukalla, northeast of Aden.

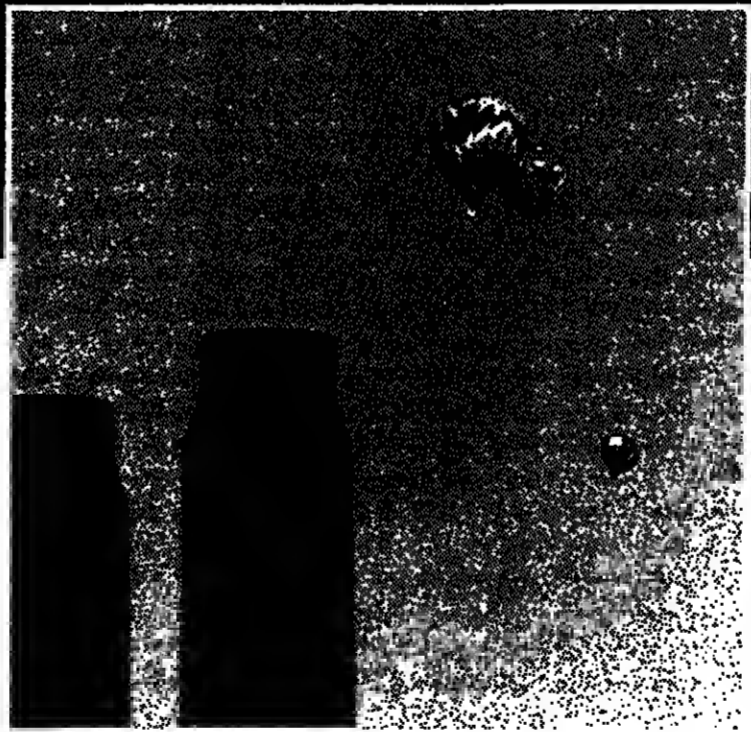
The Dubai-based Samaa Asia Shipping, which owns the Samaa-1, said earlier that the ship had been hijacked by gunmen in the Somali port of Marca.

More than 100 Somalis died in June when they tried to swim ashore after their refugee ship was refused permission to land near Aden. After appeals from the United Nations, Yemen later allowed the refugees in.

At least a million people are threatened by death from starvation in Somalia, a nation that has crumbled into feuding clan fiefdoms since warlords united to drive President Mohammed Siad Barre from the capital in January 1991.



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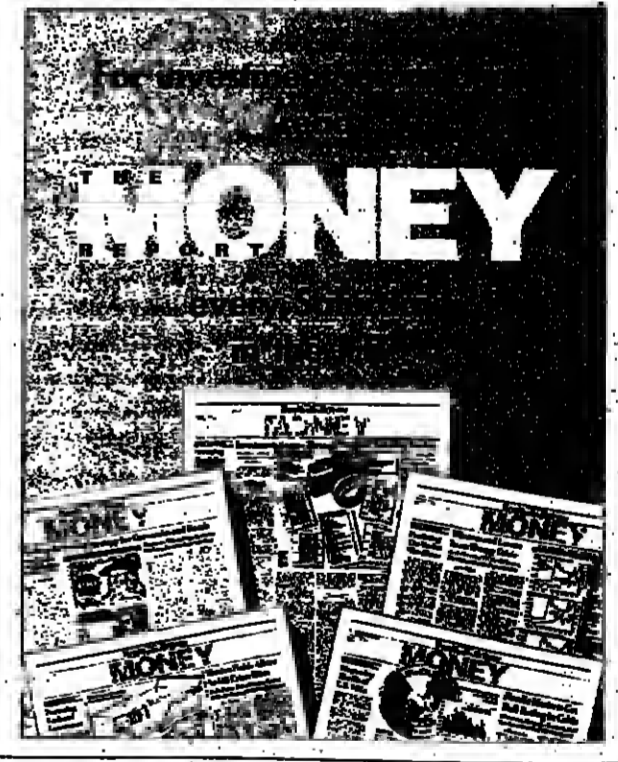
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Illness Delays Honecker Trial

The Associated Press
BERLIN — The manslaughter trial of Erich Honecker was recessed Monday after the former East German Communist leader suffered an irregular heartbeat and high blood pressure.

Mr. Honecker, 80, complained that he felt ill about one hour and 40 minutes into the second day of his trial, in which he and five other Communist figures are blamed for the deaths of people killed while trying to flee the former nation.



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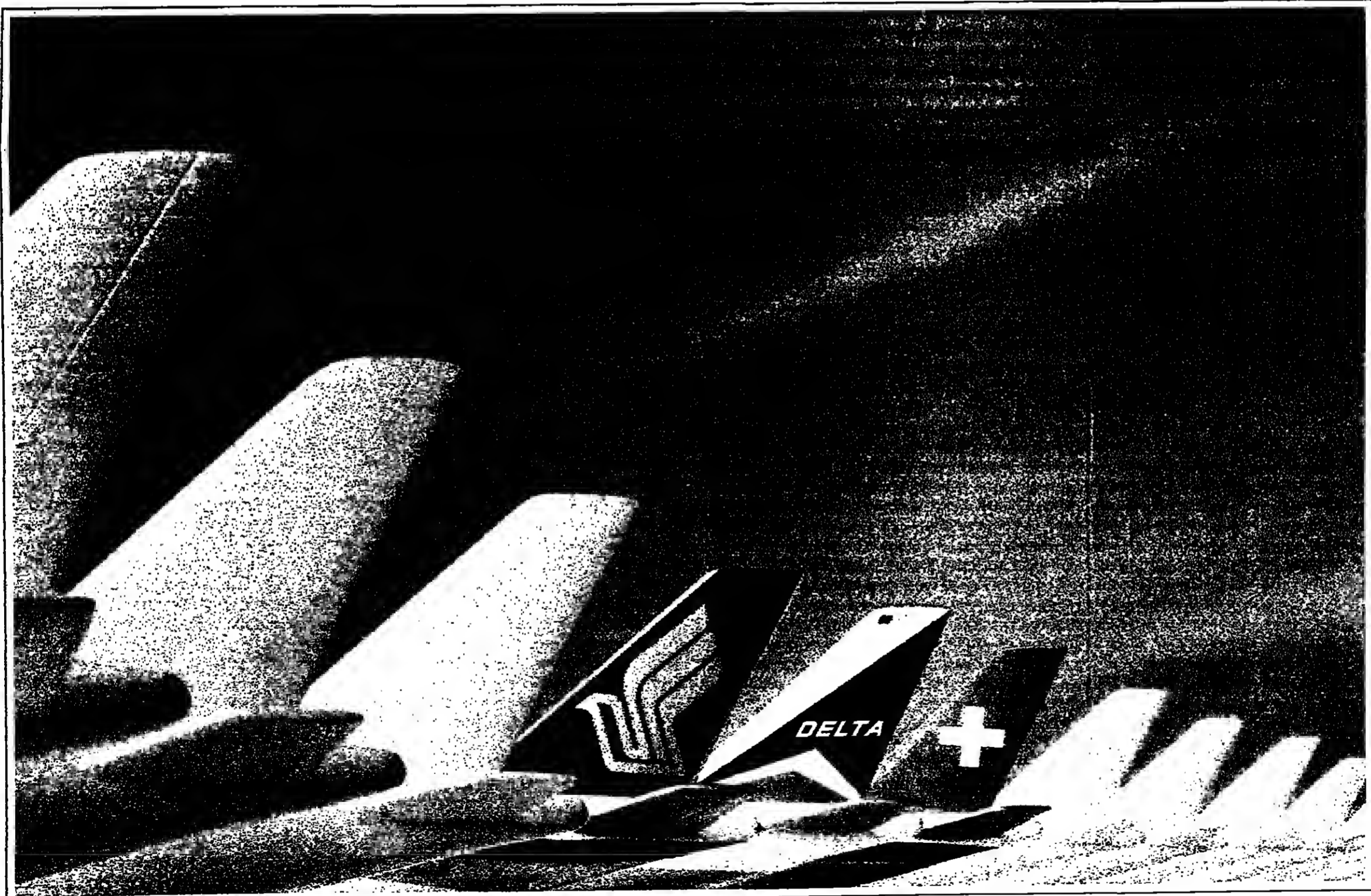
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Eastern Europe Simmers

A dispute over a dam that Slovakia has built on the Danube threatens to open a seam of disorder in Central Europe...

prevention procedures yet been applied to Hungary and Slovakia. The Council of Europe, Western Europe's political club, has made a tentative run at a mediator's role...

Transition Priorities

Bill Clinton has less than 1,000 working hours left in which to put together his administration. Judging by his first post-election news conference, he has his priorities well ordered...

Once an agency's role has been set, it helps to fill top posts promptly; everyone has a lot to learn by Jan. 20. But it is more important that the president-elect first line up his personal staff...

Arms Sellers Beware

Iran, once the dominant military power in the Gulf, now races to reclaim supremacy. No longer distracted by internal turmoil...

hundreds of millions of dollars worth of dual-use items last year. That figure will be cut back sharply by the new U.S. restrictions. But these will not limit sales from U.S. allies...

Every Individual Counts

The latest information that the fading of the Cold War has flushed out the Kremlin sheds somber light on the fate of the tens of thousands of American soldiers who ended up as Soviet prisoners after World War II...

or Vietnam were salted away in the Soviet Union. President Yeltsin and his aide, Dmitri Volkogonov, have shown themselves to be sensitive and open to American concerns. But, down in the bureaucratic ranks...

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For a Healthy Contraction of Japan's Trade Surplus

TOKYO — As Japan's trade surplus continues to climb — probably to \$135 billion this year, more than twice the 1990 figure of \$63 billion — other countries find it hard to understand why Japan is unable to stimulate its economy...

reducing interest rates. It has been even slower to recognize that underlying economic difficulties stem from overinvestment and asset deflation. These problems are likely to require much more determined fiscal stimulus than is now envisaged.

resulted from a reversal of the terms of trade, that could simply add to deflationary pressures in Japan. The present situation offers advantages for manufacturers in other countries. The collapse of profits in the domestic market is causing many Japanese companies to reassess export pricing and foreign investment.

By faster than those of their rivals. In the short run, this may have little impact on Japan's trade surplus. The surplus may temporarily increase. But the rise in Japanese prices will ease pressure on U.S. and European manufacturers...

Left Over From Nasty Cold War Business in Africa

BOSTON — The Soviet Union and the United States waged the Cold War in large part through surrogates in the Third World, supporting local leaders who would offer their loyalty to one side or the other...

ocled huge amounts of arms to Jonas Savimbi, the Angolan guerrilla leader. Mr. Savimbi was another creature of the Cold War. Because the Soviet Union backed the Angolan side that took power at independence in 1975, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, Henry Kissinger wanted to join South Africa in supporting the Savimbi movement...

Some democrat. Mr. Savimbi is now doing his best to destroy Angola's chance for peace and unity by rejecting an election that he lost and returning to civil war. He shows himself to be what he always was: a thug interested only in power. The Angolan election held last month was to be the climax of a peace plan worked out in arduous negotiations with American and Soviet support...

49.7 percent. The rules required a second election if no one had a majority, and Mr. dos Santos said he was ready for a runoff. Mr. Savimbi sent his troops into action all over the country. Mr. Savimbi is a bad loser and a dangerous one, the Financial Times of London wrote. He is dangerous because he has stockpiled plenty of arms, and there is no evident way to put the country back together unless he abides by the political rules. U.S. officials are trying hard to persuade him to turn away from war...

Think Again: Plutonium Is a Rogue White Elephant

WASHINGTON — First, some round numbers. One gram of plutonium is about half the size of a pencil eraser. One ten-thousandths of that, inhaled, is a human cancer dose. Eight thousand grams — eight kilograms, a good-sized orange — makes a good-sized nuclear weapon. One thousand kilograms, one ton, is the amount now making its slow way by ship from France to Japan.

material is produced by the ton that can be used by the pound in atomic bombs. The promise of the breeder, a reactor that would produce both energy and fresh fuel in an endless stream, once held a lure as strong as the fountain of youth or a perpetual motion machine. It has proved just as chimerical. Engineers knew it would be technically demanding, expensive and an enormous security risk. But

the reprocessing plants in France and Britain. Germany is about to "reintercept" its law that has required reprocessing and prohibited direct disposal of spent fuel. Britain, sensing that reprocessing may not produce export revenue much longer, is hesitating before starting up (and thereby contaminating) its new reprocessing plant. Only Japan is keeping this industry alive.

separated plutonium far outweigh its benefits. Vigorous quiet diplomacy on Washington's part should encourage a broad debate in Japan. If Japan is truly worried about an ensured supply of fuel, for example, it could buy a 40-year supply of uranium (some of it from Russian weapons) at a fraction of the cost of the breeder program.

Japan's plutonium is intended solely for peaceful use, but it makes every country in the region nervous.

a plutonium stockpile of 100 tons by 2010. Two hundred and fifty tons is the amount contained in the weapons of the five nuclear powers. Plutonium is dangerous, both chemically and explosively, in minuscule amounts. If involved in an accident or stolen by terrorists, the cargo of the Akatsuki Maru is more than enough to cause security and environmental havoc, which explains the fuss being made over the shipment.

many believed that there was no alternative because the world would soon face a critical shortage of uranium. For politicians, the plutonium breeder cycle was a way to turn an unpopular waste into a valuable product. Even those who knew that this was a false promise (because reprocessing itself produces radioactive waste) saw reprocessing as a way to postpone waste disposal for 20 years, making it someone else's problem.

Even though Japan's plutonium is intended solely for peaceful use, its presence makes every country in the region nervous to varying degrees. The stockpile could well derail efforts to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. Already North Korea has accused Japan of planning a weapons program, and South Korea has begun pushing for a comparable U.S. carte blanche for its plutonium. In decades to come, Japan's program could make it much harder to convince China's leaders to follow Western nuclear disarmament.

supplied the national bird to his army, so that those who are not fortunate enough to be in Paris on Thanksgiving Day, when all the hotels and restaurants will serve the bird and the dishes that go with it, will have their turkey promptly delivered in the trenches or the training camps.

OPINION

Domestic Is Foreign As Well

By Leslie H. Gelb. NEW YORK — "By bringing to Washington a government determined to govern," Arthur Schlesinger Jr. wrote of Franklin Roosevelt, FDR "unlocked new energies in a people who had lost faith, not just in government's ability to meet the economic crisis, but almost in the ability of anyone to do anything."

But candidate Clinton neither sought nor received a mandate for national security policy. Therein lies the problem. Unaddressed, it could lead to creeping isolationism and, worse, backfire on his commitment to domestic priorities.

Even foreign leaders have come to sympathize with his needs. They have started fretting about Mr. Bush's apparent indifference to stimulating the U.S. economy. They have begun to admire Mr. Clinton's domestic activism. It could help regenerate America and pump up the market for their exports.

Without active American leadership, the Bosnian nightmare could escalate into a Balkan war. Iran and others surely will acquire nuclear arms unless the United States mounts some opposition. Arabs and Israelis will inevitably drift back toward war without constant American mediation. China and Japan could start down the road to confrontation without a major U.S. presence in Asia.

1892: Keeping Uganda. LONDON — The Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce addressed yesterday (Nov. 16) the subject of Uganda. A resolution was passed expressing the hope that the Government would arrange for the administration of Uganda and give practical aid to the construction of the proposed railway between the great lakes and the coast...

1942: Confused Japanese. WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition] America's warships have scored a magnificent victory over the Japanese in the greatest battle yet fought between surface vessels, during the war in the Pacific — a battle in which American cruisers once raced through the night into the midst of a Japanese armada and gunned enemy ships on both sides at almost point-blank range. That extremely daring maneuver threw the enemy into such confusion, the Navy department disclosed tonight (Nov. 16), that for a time two of the three groups of the Japanese Fleet were "trung at each other."

1917: Front-Line Turkey. NEW YORK — Uncle Sam has not forgotten that his boys like turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, wherever they may be. According to his custom, he is

OPINION

Clinton Needs to Shake Up This \$30 Billion Company

By William Safire

LOS ANGELES — Where will the new American president turn for vital information to help him make life-or-death decisions on foreign affairs?

If the new president has any moxie, he will cut through the secrecy around the CIA and name a new director who knows about accountability.

gate, how much is spent on the intelligence gathering and evaluation? Reaction: horror. He would be told that sources and methods would be blown, allied services betrayed by publication of the overall American intelligence budget.

A recent episode is illuminating. If CIA spokesmen are to be believed, the agency "misfiled" some pertinent intelligence about the participation of Italian officials in the decision to help finance President Saddam Hussein's arms buildup.

suggests CIA clerks sticking handwritten slips into red-taped folders and putting them in oak file cabinets, with the system of retrieval in one Uriah Heep's head.

Either the CIA method of handling data is egregiously inefficient — unable to call up and present hard intelligence to help the president make a far-reaching decision directive — or the organization is corrupt, deliberately concealing the truth from lawmakers and law enforcement officials.

Faced with this reality, what's a new president to do?

1. Pick a CIA director who knows how accountability has been avoided but is not a compromised insider.

The Senate intelligence committee chairman, David Boren, Democrat of Oklahoma, who bet the Company on Robert Gates, was betrayed and is sore; he is the sort who could introduce competitive "Team B" to improve the product while reducing waste.

2. The Intelligence Oversight Board within the White House has always been a joke, but the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board — "Piffab" — was once useful in providing a quality control check by informed outsiders.

3. Focus on new missions for the new CIA: protection of industrial privacy and preparation for decisions involving "the right to intervene" when genocide looms. We did not hear about intelligence in the campaign, but now it is time to get serious.

The New York Times.

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Of Plumbing and Power: A Stall-Counter's Guide

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK — When good fortune first shone upon me and I was given this position, some acquaintances asked me if I rated a private lavatory.

These were people laboring in the vineyards of investment banking and corporate law, people unfamiliar with any section of an aircraft farther aft than the fourth row, people with ficus

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trees in their corner offices tended by those people who labor in the vineyards of corporate plant management.

They did not understand that in the newspaper business it is a deal if you get a private wastebasket.

So I had to reply that while I had snagged an office with windows, the reporter's equivalent of winning Lotto, I would not have a bathroom.

This is when it first occurred to me that in America plumbing is power. Recently, the leaders of the Senate announced that women had broken through the infamous file wall — that is, that they would soon have a restroom of their own next to the men's lavatory just off the Senate floor.

the construction "to meet the needs of all senators" even before Carol Moseley Braun, Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer and Patty Murray joined Barbara Mikulski and Nancy Landon Kassebaum in the Senate.

"It says words about the men's club that they were counting how many stalls they might need before they'd build," said Harriet Woods, president of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Heretofore Senators Mikulski and Kassebaum had to run downstairs to the first floor and use a public restroom. They did not use the restroom marked "Senators Only," which is kind of surprising since right-wing lore has always had it that women's rights exist largely to promote mixed bathrooms.

(The House of Representatives already has a convenient facility for women members. Three stalls, three sinks and a fireplace, as well as the couch on which John Quincy Adams died in 1848, when the place was still the speaker's office. A homey touch.)

I think the female members of the Senate have to look closely at whether this new bathroom is a good thing. (I think they also have to look closely at whoever hangs the mirrors in there, since if they are at Bob Dole height, Barbara Mikulski will wind up seeing nothing but her hairline.)



'Year of the Woman; all I hear is Year of the Woman. Enough, I say!'

It is a good thing that a private lavatory did not come with my columnist's job. In your private lavatory, you look into the mirror and say, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who deserves a Pulitzer and a raise?"

Whereas if you go into the common restroom, it is not uncommon to hear disembodied voices coming from the stalls, like this: "Was that the stupidest column she did yesterday or what?"

Private bathrooms as an executive perk are the greatest single reason for the "Hub?" response of many corporate big guys when they get the shaft.

So while I applaud the Senate women's room — and believe the six female senators might want to band together and demand the death couch from their sisters in the House — these women must remember the obnoxious argument during this Year of the Woman: Will we govern differently? Will we be more in touch? Will we be kinder and gentler? And when someone says, "Senator Braun, can I take a picture of you with my Aunt Ida in front of the sink?"

On the one hand, plumbing and progress: We want no woman to miss an important vote because she was downstairs in line with the girls from a 4-H club in Idaho. ("Isn't that... Dianne Feinstein? She looks taller on TV.")

On the other hand, plumbing and populism: the disembodied voice from within the stall saying, "If she doesn't vote for that health care thing, I'm not voting for her next time around."

There are many ways to keep in touch with the public; not the least of them is while you have soap on your hands.

The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to 'GATT Together'

Regarding "The GATT Crunch: What Helmut Now Has to Tell François" (Opinion, Oct. 29) by Brian Beedham:

Mr. Beedham's article provides an interesting exercise in intercultural perceptions. American and British newspapers are almost unanimous in pointing the finger at France, French farmers and the weak French government for the troubles in the GATT negotiations.

Such reports rarely mention the French position in this petty quarrel except in moralistic, sanctimonious terms. And anyone French disagreeing with this simplistic presentation will, of course, be suspected of being narrowly nationalistic and selfish.

There is no doubt that the rich nations are playing with fire, that subsidies make little economic sense — they are a disaster for the poor exporting countries — and that consumers would save a lot of money if they were reduced.

But the main point is that the United States, if not as guilty as Europe, is a protectionist country itself. President

George Bush increased agricultural subsidies in an attempt to buy re-election; and the United States has strict protectionist rules in areas such as cultural imports and, of course, automobiles.

So with Europe at last starting to get its GATT act together and reducing its subsidies, it is strange that France should carry the can for the failed trade talks. Washington is trying to settle this trade conflict through public relations and the use of force. Considering the utterly irresponsible way it has run its economy over the last decade, it is not in a morally strong position to be preaching now.

America and Europe should "GATT together" to think about ways to promote the development of the poorer nations without creating hordes of new poor among their own populations. They must go beyond oilseed haggling. And remember, there are motives in everybody's eyes — not just those of the French farmers.

PIERRE GUERLAIN, La Varenne, France.

Fate of the Farmers

Farmers are probably the hardest-working people to be found anywhere.

Naturally it is unfair that they have been running into trouble. But life has never been fair, especially to farmers. Despite their image as the moral and economic glue of their respective societies, farmers belong to a moribund profession.

Who is to say that farmers are any worse off than some of their urban counterparts, few of whom manage to come up with any rationale for artificial support? Big business and high technology are here to stay. Neither benefit concerns nor nostalgic dreaming can wish them out of existence. Western governments must stop shoring up their costly agricultural houses of cards.

DOUGLAS T. WALTERS, Toulouse, France.

Call It Skopje Abroad

Regarding the editorial "Kosovo: The Fuse Burns" (Opinion, Nov. 7):

Kosovo's fuse may indeed be burning toward an inevitable explosion, but the Macedonian question, as far as Greece is concerned at least, need not come to the same end. Greece's objection to the usurpation of a major part of its historical identity, whether it appears "foolish" or not to others, is heartfelt and valid.

A solution was proposed long ago by European Community negotiators; let Slav Macedonia accept what Germany, Hungary and even Greece have long accepted: international recognition of the nation by a name other than the word used in its own language (Deutschland, Magyar and Hellas, respectively). Internally, the people of Skopje can call themselves and their nation "Macedonia" or whatever they wish.

Skopje's reason for not accepting this solution is disingenuous, and its adoption of a purely Greek symbol for its flag is a provocation and a fraudulent act that it wants the world to validate. If an explosion does come, Skopje will have supplied the matches to light the fuse.

PETER KIRK, Vienna.

Save Siberia's Wilderness

I was much impressed by Tom Brokaw's article, "Get Together and Defend the Taiga" (Meanwhile, Oct. 29), both for its vivid description of this last undestroyed forest now threatened with piecemeal destruction, and for its proposal to turn the Taiga into an international wilderness park.

Groups committed to the defense of the world's ecosystem should form a confederation with the declared aim of helping to establish such a park. Given a big enough international response, the sluggish bureaucracies of the world will hardly be able to resist providing the needed legal and political framework.

KURT OPEZZ, Hamburg.

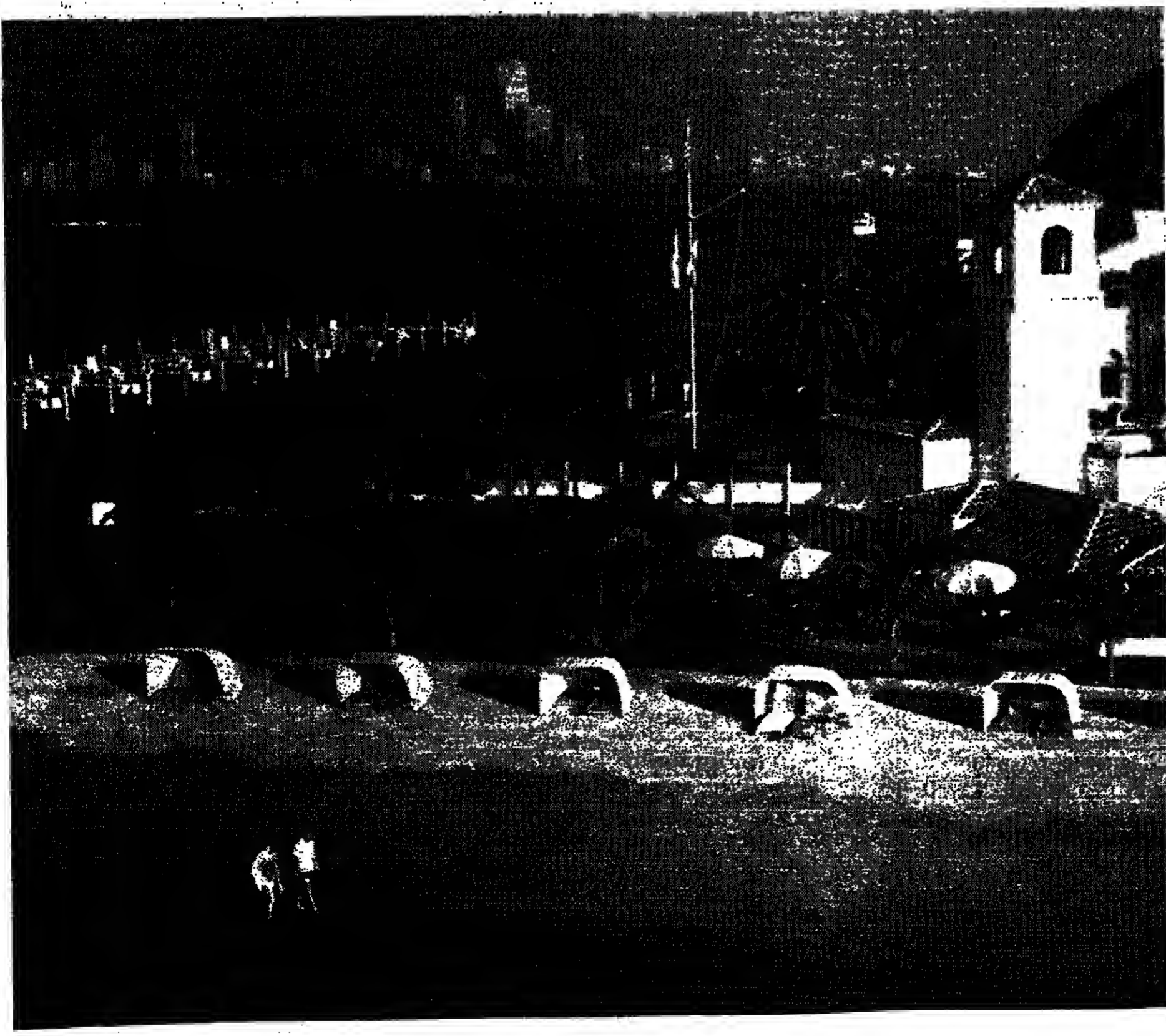
Tractors, Not Tanks

The world expects change from President-elect Bill Clinton. Africa, for its part, hopes the new America will abandon any military dealings with the various fighting factions. The Cold War, after all, is over.

The more the United States sells arms to Africans, the more the continent is reduced to dust and the more ignorance, disease and poverty are encouraged.

So please, help us solve our problems by nonviolent means. Sell us more tractors, more water pumps, more fertilizer — not tanks, guns or bullets.

AKAPE MWANA, Rome.



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Pampering Paris Visitors With Charm and Style

C'est le boom! France is expecting to welcome a record 56 million visitors this year, making the country the top tourist destination in the world. In the first five months of this year, hotel bookings by foreigners were up 50 percent over the same period last year in most areas of the country. A word of advice to prospective visitors: reserve your hotel rooms as early as possible.

The hotel a visitor chooses can make or break a trip. The right hotel should be peaceful enough so that a good night's sleep is possible after a hard day of do-

Decors from Belle Epoque to Deco

ing business or sightseeing, and the service should be efficient and friendly but discreet. The decor should be comfortable and pleasing. And, of course, all the expected modern amenities should be available. In other words, the visitor should feel pampered and privileged.

In Paris, a city that probably has more charming hotels than any other in the world, these requirements are not too hard to fill. Here are a few suggestions.

Paris + Hotel is a group of 12 owner-managed ho-

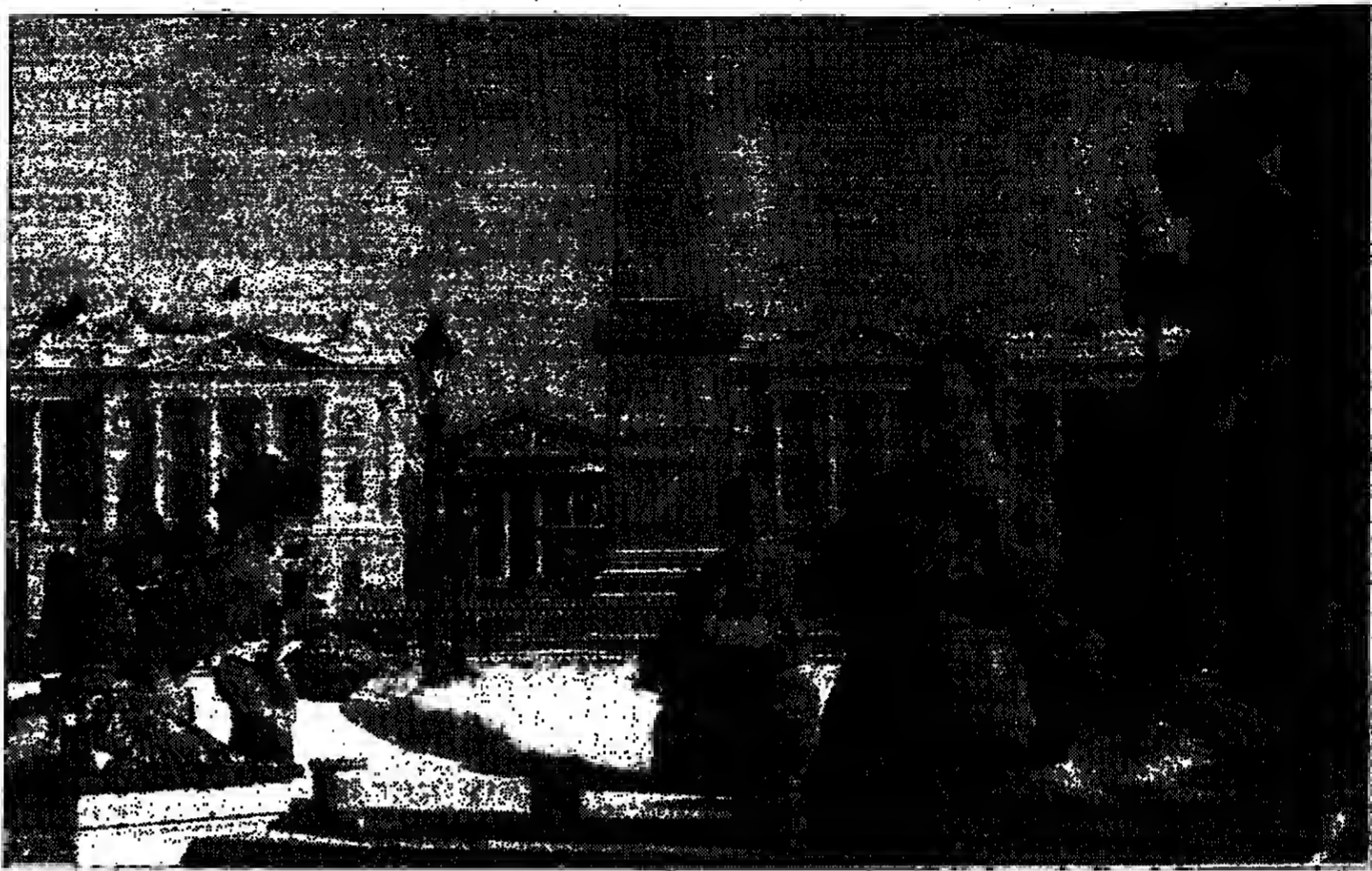
tels de charme: the Palma, the Abaca Messidor, the Hôtel de Flore, the Union Hôtel Etoile, l'Ouest Hôtel, the Super Hôtel, the Hôtel des Tuileries, the Abbaye Saint-Germain, the Hôtel de Blois, the Hôtel du Danube and the Midi.

As the hotels in the group are located all over the city, visitors can choose their location according to their business or sightseeing needs. Several of the hotels are centrally located near major sightseeing attractions at Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Tuileries and Bastille, two of them are near La Défense and one is near the trade-fair center at Porte de Versailles. They are either two- or three-star hotels, so there is something for every budget. All 12 hotels promise a warm welcome, personal attention and stylish comfort.

The Hôtels l'Horset group has four locations in Paris, but this is not a hotel chain with standardized decors: each one of these luxurious hotels retains its individual charm. The Hôtel l'Horset Astor Madeleine has 19th-century interiors and handsome wainscoting that conform to the group's slogan: "Charm and tradition in the heart of town."

The Opéra location, near Paris's major department stores, has its own understated elegance. The nearby Pavillon has authentic Belle Epoque interiors complete with stained glass, frescoes and wood paneling. The Saint-Cloud is located in Paris's posh 16th arrondissement, home of the city's elite. Two smaller hotels, the Saint-Augustin and the Washington, have just opened in Paris. The group also owns hotels in Blois, home of François I's magnificent castle, and in Cannes.

If there is a similarity in the friendly welcome and charming interiors of three Paris inns — the Hôtel Madison, the Terrass Hotel and the Hôtel Bourgogne et Montana, it is because all three have the same owner. The major



And with a little bit of luck, you might even get to celebrate a White Christmas in Paris.

difference is in their varied locations.

The Madison is situated in the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, set back from the boulevard. The warm interiors and relaxed brunch served in the cozy dining room make this a true haven in this beautiful, busy quarter.

The Terrass sits on higher ground, in historic Montmartre. Stunning views of tout Paris can be had from the rooftop terrace. Buffets are served in the dining room decorated in the sunny colors of Provence, and conference facilities are available for up to 100 people.

The Bourgogne et Montana is in the posh seventh arrondissement near the Musée d'Orsay, Invalides and the Assemblée Na-

tionale. A handsome 18th-century mansion houses 35 individually decorated rooms and suites. Rooms on the upper floors have a view of the Place de la Concorde.

In Châtelet, the bustling heart of Paris, it is actually possible to stay in a hotel on a quiet, tree-lined street: the Hôtel Britannique. The friendly service, comfort and refinement British hotels are known for are all in evidence here, in the most Parisian of settings (near the Seine, the Louvre, Notre-Dame, the Centre Pompidou and the Forum des Halles) and with all the modern conveniences.

The calm elegance of the 19th-century decor at the Hôtel Brighton projects guests into another era. High ceilings, crystal chandeliers, marble columns, vast bedrooms, rich draperies and copper beds

all add to the illusion, but perhaps the most stunning aspect of the hotel is its enormous, luxurious bathroom, one of which (no. 115) is entirely lined in mosaic tiles. Centrally located across from the Tuileries garden, the hotel has 70 rooms and, in conformity with its name, a charming tea room.

A restored 19th-century hôtel, particulier is the home of the Hôtel Ferrand. Each room is decorated differently and some have four-poster beds, but none are lacking in the kind of luxury that makes you feel pampered and privileged. Art galleries, rare book and antique dealers abound in the neighborhood.

The artistically oriented will appreciate l'Hôtel Borsoly's Saint-Germain, centrally located near the Musée d'Orsay and the seventh arrondissement. Each of its 16 rooms is dedicated to an artist. Choose

among such artists as Marc Chagall, Henri Rousseau or Pablo Picasso. The room dedicated to the latter, with its interior mimicking, comes highly recommended. This redecorated 17th-century house exudes taste, charm and serenity, and the "black-and-white" dogs add a friendly touch.

Although the Restoration-style Hôtel de Fleury, with its trompe l'oeil murals, promises "quiet luxury in the business center" of Paris, it is also located conveniently near designer clothing shops on the Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré and the Champs Elysees. The 32 rooms are sumptuously decorated with floral wallpaper and hangings, and some have balconies with marvelous views of the city.

Guests at the Relais Carré d'Or will feel at home in one of the hotel's 23 suites and privileged to

be staying in the former mansion of one of France's great aristocratic families, the Polignacs. Located on the Avenue George V near some of the most prestigious boutiques in the city, the hotel is endowed with an indoor garden and a fine restaurant, the Club du Relais.

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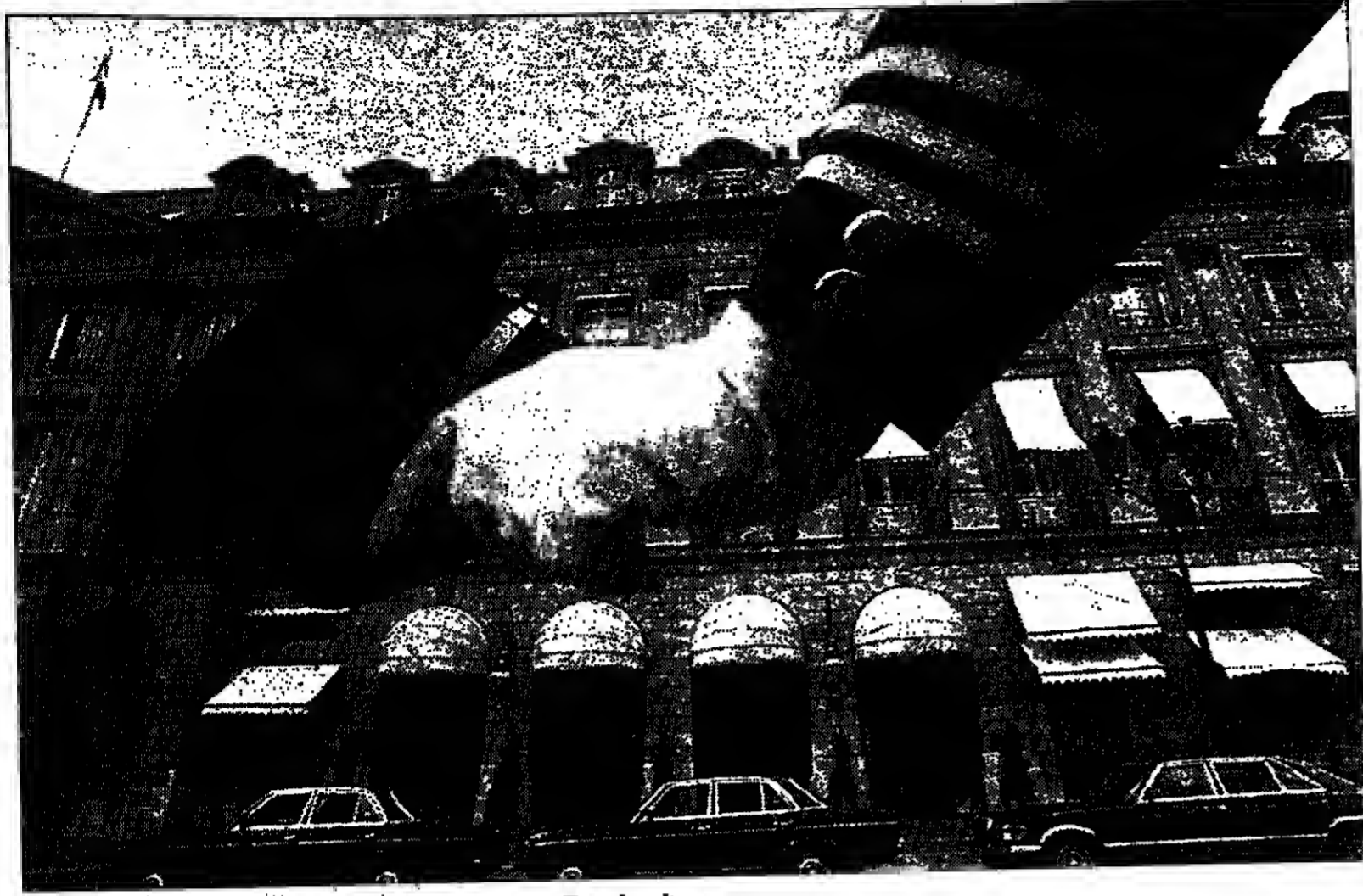
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If you prefer to absorb French language and culture in Paris, the Sorbonne has come up with a special January course tailored to professors and visitors

with an advanced level of French.

January is an excellent time to be in Paris; there are fewer tourists and more hotel rooms available, and the French themselves are actually in town. The program includes courses, conferences and museum visits.

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France's ski season is now under way, and resorts in the French Alps are expecting to benefit from last February's Winter Olympics, seen on television by millions.

The staging of the Olympic Games was hailed as something of an organizational triumph, with spectacular opening and closing ceremonies that displayed France's alpine attractions to full advantage. Major improvements were made in the highway access to the entire region in preparation for the Games.

But what really counts, of course, is the snow. The leading resort of Val Thorens, high up in France's so-called Three Valleys region, reports that snowfalls this season are already the deepest in some 20 years. Val Thorens is part of the most extensive ski area in the world — 400 miles (640 kilometers) of well-groomed slopes with more than 200 lifts.

At 2,300 meters (7,550 feet), Val Thorens, with 31 lifts, is the highest ski resort in Europe, with a long season that stretches from October 24 to May 9. The resort was designed to give skiers direct access to the slopes, and now all cars must be parked at the base of the resort, leaving it traffic-free. Val Thorens' additional attractions include a new car ice rink with "guaranteed" strong ice on which cars drive and skid around for sport; vehicles are available at 1,600 francs (\$300) a day. Val Thorens' ski network includes the Cimes

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In common with other resorts in the Three Valleys, Val Thorens has blended its striking modern architecture with traditional Savoyard construction. Wood-based quality is the watchword for all the resort's hotels.

Elsewhere in the Three Valleys, the Hotel Annapurna in Courchevel offers luxurious accommodations and amenities that include a pool, jacuzzi, solarium, fitness center and various restaurants. The hotel has been attracting an international clientele for the past 20 years. Courchevel has long attracted well-known names from the world of cinema and show business in France, and has been the location for numerous films.

Avoriaz is another ski resort with a link to the movie world. Its annual January film festival, the Festival du Film Fantastique, features science fiction, horror and "fantasy" films. The creation of a film festival in a ski resort was a gamble by the local authorities and real-estate developers, but it has paid off. Lenny Borger, a Paris-based cinema critic who has reported on the festival, says that an Avoriaz prize is now considered a desirable "label" for a film. The event is an opportunity for French and international directors, stars and producers to mix business with pleasure.

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De la Renta Joins Balmain It's Official, a First for a Couture House

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Its official: Oscar de la Renta was named Monday the couturier for Balmain — making him the first American designer to take over at a Paris fashion house.

"I am very excited, they are wonderful people and I think it is great in old age to have new challenges," said de la Renta, who has just turned 60. He was in Paris for 24 hours after finally agreeing to the deal proposed by Balmain's owner Erich Fayer. On Oct. 10, de la Renta told the International Herald Tribune that he had been offered the Balmain role but was making a "personal decision" that involved his wife Annette, their adopted son and his commitment to his native Santo Domingo.



Oscar de la Renta: "Very excited."

He has now signed a contract to design four collections a year for an undisclosed salary and length of service. He will start with haute couture, which he says will be presented "with the help of God who has always protected me" on Jan. 27. This will be followed by a ready-to-wear collection during the Paris season, now advanced to late February.

At that time, de la Renta will also put on the runway his own-label collection, which he shows later in New York. He has been presenting his line in Paris since March 1991, when he became the first established New York designer to show in the official French venue in the courtyard of the Louvre.

"I will be showing two collections, but that is only half what Karl does," said de la Renta, referring to Karl Lagerfeld, whose various lines designed on a free-lance basis have made him a high fashion role model.

JACQUES Mouchier, president of the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture Parisienne, high fashion's ruling body, has pursued an open-door policy for any foreign designer wishing to show in Paris. Mouchier gave a qualified welcome Monday to Balmain's announcement.

"My personal sentiments are that Balmain wished to go after an internationally-known name, and Oscar de la Renta has the opportunity to work in a Paris couture house," he said. "I can see the reciprocal advantage but I am desolate for Hervé Pierre, a young designer who chose to work in couture. I should like to try to find him another situation, but it is not easy."

De la Renta has a high-profile international clientele. "I have a lot of loyal friends all over the world and I know they will do their very best to come — but I don't want to sound like a threat," he said.

The idea of breathing new life into an old name is now a decade old. It started when Lagerfeld showed his first collection for Chanel in January 1983. Although Gianfranco Ferré has since taken over at Dior (while keeping his own line in Milan) and Claude Moutana has been in and out at Lanvin, Lagerfeld remains the only really successful exponent of this divide-and-rule fashion philosophy.

Lanvin has retreated from the previous policy of boosting the name with a bold designer presence and is concentrating on products. Its designer, Dominique Marlot, is expected to present his first couture line in January.

Oscar de la Renta's strength is that he is of the old school. He began his career with Balenciaga in Madrid, then was Antonio Castillo's assistant at Lanvin in Paris before setting up on his own in New York in 1966. He will bring to Balmain an innate understanding of haute couture at its grandest. But his appointment deserts hopes that a new generation at fashion's cutting edge will take up the couture scissors.

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Among designers represented in auction organized by Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing (above) are, clockwise from bottom left, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Dior, Saint Laurent, Thierry Mugler and Azzedine Alaïa.

At Auction: Fashion Past and Present

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — They are the best-dressed ghosts — chalk-white mannequins peopling couture gowns. Here are two outstretched panels of pimento-red chiffon that floated across Princess Grace of Monaco. Those scarlet tiers once heaved on Sophia Loren's bosom. And who but the gamine Audrey Hepburn

could have slipped into the licorice black satin column on screen in "Breakfast at Tiffany"?

Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing, wife of France's former president, is surveying the couture outfits donated by friends and by couture houses for an auction Thursday in aid of La Fondation pour l'Enfance, a children's charity of which she is president.

"To give a dress is not a neutral gesture — it is to give a part of yourself," she says, explaining how she spent a year cajoling and persuading people to turn out their closets.

"This dress from Nancy Reagan arrived by Federal Express in a brown envelope — not even wrapped in tissue paper," she says, pointing to a 1980 Galanos gown in vermilion crepe, sliced off at one shoulder with quilted vine leaves at the back.

For some dresses, Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing feels a tag of exorcism: not least for her own donation of a closet of dresses — mostly by her favorite designer Jean-Louis Scherrer. Then there is the "spectacular" sequined sheath flittering with sugar pink ostrich feathers from the French singer Sylvie Vartan, who is godmother to the Giscard d'Estaing grandchildren.

Olivia de Havilland produced a swooping red and black taffeta Dior dress made in 1960, when Yves Saint Laurent was the designer. That will be considered a collector's item — as will a hooded black crepe 1990 dress from Claude Montana's brief time at Lanvin.

Thursday's sale, to be conducted by Drouot auctioneers at the Palais Galliera, where the outfits are on show, is likely to attract both private collectors and museums.

Those women who are hoping for a little number for the holiday season could bid for Manita Berenson's Ungaro cocktail dress lashed with cyclamen and green ribbons, or an exotically beaded Zandra Rhodes dress given by Jean Simmons. Sizes (mostly American 8 or 10) are spelled out in the catalogue, which also has a scattering of photographs of the clothes being worn. Those frozen moments include Princess Ira von Furstenberg carrying the night away in a 1967 Paco Rabanne disc dress.

The sale is outstanding for the quality of the clothes and the certainty of their provenance.

"We are hoping that museums will buy — I know they are interested in the exceptional pieces — but the most important thing is to get money for the foundation," says

SUZY MENKES
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. Proceeds will be earmarked for two projects: a telephone help-line for isolated young mothers, and a training team to educate staff in hospitals and prisons.

The exhibition is an overview of fashion through the last 30 years and it is also a fascinating insight into what couture customers buy, as well as the individual tastes of women of style.

The outfits are mostly evening dresses because, as Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing says, "we use day outfits until they are worn out."

From the cherry red 1967 Lanvin dress to the peppermint green 1983 Givenchy column of liquid crepe, the most astounding thing about the clothes is their classicism and longevity. Through a turbulent fashion period, royalty has been able to rise above the melee by choosing pretty dresses. Like Scherrer's 1987 confetti in white lace for Queen Noor of Jordan and his pearl-embroidered 1973 tunic for Princess Paola of Belgium.

WHO wore what? You hardly need to glance at the donor's label to spot Marcella Agnelli's quiet elegance — the 1991 Valentino tunic and pleated pajamas. Yves Saint Laurent made for his mother Lucienne the essence of Parisian chic: a 1988 tuxedo dress. Catherine Deneuve expressed another facet of Saint Laurent in a bright brocade suit with jeweled hair buttons; Paloma Picasso set another with a matador jacket and torero red evening dress.

The stars also express their impact in clothes. There is a deep cleavage-crying out for a jewel on Elizabeth Taylor's black satin gown with leafy sleeves designed by Nolan Miller in 1986. You can see Lauren Bacall sauntering towards you in the 1980 Sonia Rykiel outfit of black crepe evening pants with embroidered cardigan.

By then there are also surprises. Did Bill Blass really dress Nancy Kissinger back in 1980, in something so politically incorrect as a green snake jacket with pink trim? Why did Princess Charlene of Monaco suddenly desert Marc Bohan's neat Dior dresses for a wildly patterned Russian tunic and knickers from Ungaro in 1982? Was it to endorse a united Europe that the Comtesse de Paris wore in 1990 a full-length pink coat designed by Frédéric Castet worked with symbols of Europe's cities from the Eiffel Tower to Big Ben?

All the great names of fashion are represented, especially Christian Dior — a house which seems to have participated in many outfits for the Monegasque royal family. Valentino was also in there, making champagne chignon dresses for Empress Farah in 1975 when the Giscard d'Estaing paid an official visit to Iran. Chanel is underrepresented, probably because those workhouse day suits just give out before they can be given away.

The finest tribute is to Madame Grès whose dresses have a dignity that is never out of fashion. São Schumacher has given her 1976 Grès — complete with Egyptian beaded necklace — a waft of chocolate brown over flame orange ivory chiffon dress with a jet embroidered bodice had a jume file modernity. And in 1975 the design er made a black blue dress, cut away at the glazer. It could be worn — like all her dresses — today and tomorrow, as much as yesterday.

Letters to Queen By Earl of Essex Up for Auction

LONDON — A collection of letters written to Queen Elizabeth I by one of her favorites is expected to sell for up to £450,000 (\$685,000) next month, the auctioneers Sotheby's said on Monday.

The 43 letters detail the extraordinary relationship between the Earl of Essex, Robert Devereux, and the 16th-century English monarch who ruled for 45 years before dying, unmarried, at the age of 70.

The collection, which has previously been in private hands, includes letters to the queen by Devereux's love-lorn predecessor, the Earl of Leicester to whom Elizabeth used to refer affectionately as "Sweet Robin."

Devereux was one of several favorites whose precise relationships with the queen are a subject of speculation.

"Like many of Elizabeth's courtiers, Devereux fell out of favor in the closing stages of her reign and was executed in 1601 for plotting against the queen. The letters are being sold on Dec. 14.

"These letters are staggering," said Roy Davids of Sotheby's.

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Economy Stirs, But Not Enough to Let Clinton Relax

By Lawrence Malkin. NEW YORK — Hesitant signs that the worst is over for the American economy have begun to appear in the past week or so.

German Slump Rocks Daimler

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. STUTTGART — Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest industrial group, forecast Monday a sharp drop in profit and announced thousands of new job cuts.

Investment Tax Credit Called Tool for the Job

By Steven Greenhouse. NEW YORK — The investment tax credit proposed by President-elect Bill Clinton is probably the single most powerful tool for giving the economy a jolt forward without dangerously expanding the budget deficit, economists say.

Northwest-KLM Accord Gets a U.S. Nod

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. WASHINGTON — The Transportation Department said Monday that it had tentatively cleared the way for Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to integrate their services and operate as if they were a single carrier.

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS Economy to Put Squeeze On German Bank Profits

By Brandon Mitchner. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE. FRANKFURT — As the German economy shifts into a lower gear in 1993, increasing domestic credit risks will slow the growth of German banks' profits, analysts say.

Oil Prices on the Skids, Experts Say

By Erik Ipsen. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE. LONDON — With producers pumping more oil than world markets can absorb, prices are likely to continue dropping, industry analysts said Monday.

Yeltsin Drafts Anti-Crisis Plan for the Winter

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin and his cabinet on Monday drafted an anti-crisis plan to get Russia through the winter, but rejected opposition demands to freeze prices and slow reforms.

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Airlines, Electricals Lead Market Down

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK — U.S. stocks fell Monday largely because of concerns that fourth-quarter earnings in the airline and electrical-equipment industries will be disappointing.

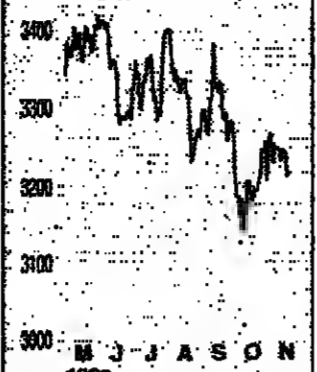
The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 27.29 to 3,205.74. Declining common stocks outnumbered advancing issues by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones transportation average fell 27.80 to 1,350.90, with UAL, Delta Air Lines and AMR accounting for most of the drop.

Sales to car companies in Germany dried up overnight, said William Oakland, AMP's director of investor relations.

Shares of electrical-equipment companies were hurt by AMP Inc. announcement late Friday that

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Philip Morris to Buy Nabisco Assets

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Philip Morris Cos. said Monday it would buy the U.S. and Canadian ready-to-eat cereal businesses of RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. for \$450 million.

The purchase, by Philip Morris' subsidiary Kraft General Foods Inc., will also include certain international trademarks.

The news lifted Philip Morris shares initially, though later they slipped 12.5 cents to \$79.375.

AT&T Sets Ties With 3 Japan Firms

LAS VEGAS (AP) — AT&T announced Monday with three Japanese electronics makers that should boost its position in the emerging market for "personal communicators," tiny devices that combine a mobile phone and a computer.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said it had reached agreements with NEC Corp., Toshiba Corp. and Matsushita Electric Industrial Corp.

Separately, AT&T announced Monday that it had acquired the Polish telephone-equipment maker Telfa SA for \$80 million.

Storehouse Plans Sale of U.S. Unit

LONDON (Bloomberg) — Storehouse PLC said Monday it planned to sell its Conran Stores Inc. division in the United States, which operates 19 Conran's Habitat stores on the East and West coasts.

S&L Officers Get New Guidelines

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Savings and loan regulators released guidelines Monday governing the business responsibilities of savings and loan officers.

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Dollar Soars on Gloom Over German Economy

NEW YORK — The dollar closed sharply higher Monday, gaining more than 2 pence after a gloomy economic forecast for Germany hit the Deutsche mark.

The U.S. currency finished at 1.5928 DM, compared with 1.5707 higher on the German forecast, closing at 1.5880 DM.

The dollar soared after Germany's Council of Economic Advisers predicted zero real economic growth next year.

Lou Rappaport, chief dollar trader for Societe Generale, also said the dollar had benefited from widespread expectation of narrower interest-rate differentials between the United States and Germany.

The U.S. unit ended at 1.4380 Swiss francs, after 1.4182, and 5.3680 French francs, after 5.3025.

The pound dropped to 1.51230, from 1.51505.

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He has to deliver on this promise because "there will not be enough of an economic pickup by the time he gets into office," said Cynthia Latta of DRI / McGraw Hill.

The essential difference between the Clintonites and almost all their predecessors since Keynesian economics became U.S. government policy is that they no longer accept the slogan that "a rising tide lifts all boats."

But Mr. Clinton has already promised an "aggressive" jobs program, generally expected to put about \$20 billion into the economy in construction jobs through public works, and another \$20 billion through tax write-offs for business investment in new equipment.

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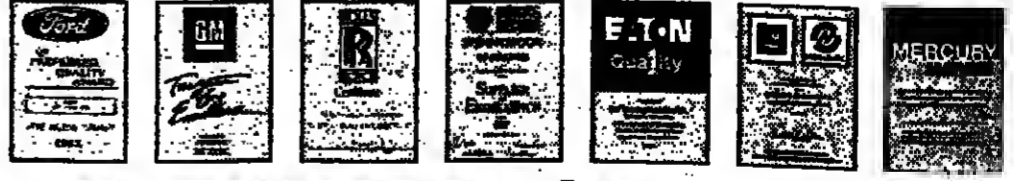
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SKF Group sales for the first nine months of 1992 amounted to \$3.5 billion compared with \$3.3 billion in the corresponding period a year earlier. Of this amount, external sales by the Ovako steel division accounted for \$309 million. Ovako was reported as an associated company in 1991. After financial income and expense, the Group reported a loss of \$4 million of which Ovako accounted for -\$7 million. The Group posted income

of \$14 million for the first nine months of 1991.

In the third quarter, sales of the Group's products were weaker than anticipated, with this deterioration wholly in the European market. Sales to the automotive industry, which had shown a positive trend for more than a year, decreased, and a decline has set in.

Sales in the North American market continued to point cautiously upward.

To counter the continuing weak demand in Europe the Group continues to intensify its efforts to reduce costs.

Forecast
The further deterioration in demand which set in during the third quarter of 1992 led to poorer sales and continued losses. A loss after financial income and expense is also expected during the last quarter.

For a copy of the 1992 Nine Months Statement please contact, SKF Group Public Affairs, S415-20 Göteborg, Sweden. Tel +46-31-371000

SKF is traded with the symbol SKFRY on the NASDAQ national list. All the figures have been converted from Swedish Kronor.
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Euro Disney's Bleak Tomorrowland

By Kurt Eichenwald

The bad news is not over for investors in Euro Disney SCA, the French theme-park operator that is 49 percent owned by Walt Disney, according to a new analysts' report.

granted by the banks, the financing company is not required to make debt payments until the fourth quarter of 1994, meaning that Euro Disney's lease payments will be lower in the early years than after the moratorium ends.

In 1995, in other words, Euro Disney's expenses will start to rise. And, at the end of the lease, Euro Disney will repurchase the park at a nominal fee, losing the tax benefits it now has.

The financing company also changes the debt picture. Euro Disney's balance sheet shows a net cash position of 250 million francs.

These executives' incentive bonuses, through stock options, are issued not in shares of Euro Disney but rather in shares of Walt Disney.

British Steel, in Red, Decries Aid to Rivals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — British Steel PLC announced a first-half loss on Monday, and warned it might have to cut more jobs unless subsidies were stopped to many European rivals and action was taken against cheap steel imports from Eastern Europe.

Charge Cuts BOC Profit by 31% in Year

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LONDON — BOC Group PLC, the industrial-gases and health-care group, said Monday that pretax profit dropped 30.6 percent in the year to September, which it largely linked to new accounting rules.

The charge related to goodwill for write-offs on businesses sold during the year, including its U.S. Glascock home health business, and was in accordance with the change to goodwill accounting rules issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

The charge took investors and analysts by surprise. Earnings forecasts had ranged from Credit Lyonnais Laing's \$344 million to Hoare Govett's \$330 million.

Underlying profit rose 6 percent to \$341.9 million for the year.

million metric tons, was slightly higher than last year's 5.7 million, but the impact of lower prices was felt in the sales figure, which eased to £2.2 billion from £2.3 billion.

The company linked the results to "continued deterioration in market conditions," and said demand and prices for steel had recently turned down again.

It added that the outlook remained "weak" and that second-half sales would be lower than the year-earlier period because of the effect of "continuing recessionary pressures" on orders in Britain and on the Continent.

British Steel said the operation of normal market mechanisms to align European output and capacity more closely to demand was being constrained by state ownership and support for many steel producers.

The first-half loss was slightly better than analysts' forecasts, which ranged from a loss of £60 million to £85 million.

After dropping 7.5 pence to a low of 42 pence, British Steel shares rebounded to close 3 pence lower, at 47. Volume was heavy.

Terms were not disclosed for the joint-venture deal between London-based Virgin Retail Group Ltd. and Blockbuster, the big video retailer based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Investor's Europe

Table with columns for Exchange, Index, Monday Close, Prev. Close, and % Change. Rows include Frankfurt DAX, London FTSE 100 Index, Paris CAC 40, Amsterdam CBS Trend, Brussels Stock Index, Frankfurt DAX, Frankfurt FAZ, Helsinki HEX, London Financial Times 30, London FTSE 100, Madrid General Index, Milan MIB, Paris CAC 40, Stockholm Aftaersvaerden, Vienna Stock Index, Zurich SBS.

Very briefly:

- Paribas said that financial losses at Societe des Ciments Francais SA would reduce its profit by 600 million francs (\$114 million) this year.
Telefonica de Espana SA said parent-company pretax profit in the nine months to September rose 4.9 percent, to 78,484 billion pesetas (\$698 million); it also increased its provisions for foreign-exchange losses by nearly 40 percent, or 7.95 billion pesetas, after the peseta's devaluation.
Grand Metropolitan PLC said its International Distillers & Vintners unit had agreed to take a 30 percent stake in Gonzalez Byass & Co. of Spain.
Bouygues SA said it had won a contract worth nearly 1.6 billion francs (\$302 million) to build a hotel and commercial center in Singapore.
Britain's Trade and Industry Department said it would not refer Reed International PLC's merger with Elsevier NV for a monopoly inquiry.
The Oslo bourse is extending until January a temporary delisting of the Norwegian insurer UNI Storebrand A/S, which has been administered by the state since it suspended debt payments in August; UNI said it was offering each of its 4,700 employees three months' pay to leave.
Nestle SA's British arm has bought the assets of Clarke Foods Ltd., Britain's second-largest ice-cream producer, from the receiver Robson Rhodes; no terms were disclosed.

Blockbuster Joins Virgin in Megastore Venture

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LONDON — Richard Branson's Virgin Group, seeking to expand its Megastores chain, agreed Monday to code a half-interest in its European and Australian stores to the video merchant Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. and to jointly develop a chain of U.S. stores.

Terms were not disclosed for the joint-venture deal between London-based Virgin Retail Group Ltd. and Blockbuster, the big video retailer based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

three separate holding companies including Virgin Atlantic Airways. The retail group has focused on developing stores exceeding 10,000 square feet (930 square meters) that sell recorded music, videos and games.

Will Whitehorn, a spokesman for Virgin Retail, said the deal meant Virgin could expand the Megastores without lining up major fresh capital. He said the aim was to triple the Megastores' revenue to £1 billion (\$1.5 billion) by 1996 as a result of this and other recent deals.

Blockbuster will hold a 50 percent stake in a venture operating the 15 Virgin Megastores in France, Germany, Italy, Austria, the Nether-

lands and Australia. Also included is a Megastore soon to open in Los Angeles.

Virgin and Blockbuster then plan to develop a chain in the United States that will be owned 75 percent by Blockbuster and 25 percent by Virgin.

The two companies will equally share control of the stores, which will be managed by Virgin.

H. Wayne Huizenga, Blockbuster chairman and chief executive, said the deal would supplement Blockbuster's recent entry into the music business with its \$125 million purchase of the Sound Warehouse and Music Plus chains, which operate 236 stores in the United States.

EC's Brittan Denies Bias In British Airways Deal

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BRUSSELS — Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, "completely rejects" allegations of favoritism by Air France regarding his decision to let British Airways take over Dan Air without an EC merger inquiry, the commissioner's spokesman said Monday.

The spokesman said the accusation made in an Air France statement by Chairman Bernard Attali on Sunday was "judicious" and that Sir Leon was preparing a "vigorous reply" by letter.

Sir Leon, who is British, said earlier this month that the Commission did not have jurisdiction over the proposed takeover because Dan Air's sales were below the level needed to trigger an inquiry.

Mr. Attali had told Sir Leon in an 11-page letter that he had grave reservations about the Dan Air case and stated his worries about other British Airways plans to buy half of the French regional airline Transport Aerien Transregional.

Italian Share Prices Up On Privatization News

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MILAN — Share prices closed higher Monday in a session dominated by state-controlled stocks following the release over the weekend of the government's privatization plans, dealers said.

Trading volume was estimated at more than 350 billion lire (\$260 million), the dealers said. The MIB index climbed 19 points, or 2.09 percent, to 928.

In Rome, the government said Monday that it hoped to begin the "operational stage" of its privatization program within weeks, following parliamentary ratification of its plans.

"We are proceeding quickly and foreigners acknowledge this," said the prime minister, Giuliano Amato, of the government's privatization activities.

Banca Commerciale Italiana led the charge, as stocks in state companies scheduled to be denationalized surged.

Banca Commerciale closed 11 percent higher at 4,843 lire. Banca Commerciale, one of the state banks the government will sell before the end of 1994, was traded heavily, with 13.8 million ordinary shares changing hands. Banca di Roma, another bank on the privatization list, jumped 7.6 percent.

The state-controlled insurer Assitalia, which was suspended until the end of the session, was officially closed 11.8 percent higher at 9,893 lire.

The buoyant mood spilled over into nonstate-sector blue chips with Fiat and Generali rising strongly.

While welcoming the government's privatization proposals, some brokers noted an exact timetable was still lacking.

An analyst, who asked to remain anonymous, said: "We don't yet know how the government intends to carry out these privatizations, and the 27 billion lire they are meant to earn the state over the next three years is not even a drop in the ocean compared to our national debt."

"However," he added, "there seems to be a general, but unfounded, feeling that the worst is over."

In Rome, the state telecommunications holding Stet SpA forecast that its consolidated net profit would remain virtually flat in 1992 at 1,406 trillion lire, the news agency ANSA reported.

ANSA said the airline Alitalia forecast profit of 32.2 billion lire, in contrast to a 34.5 billion lire loss in 1991.

GATT: French Stance Assailed

(Continued from page 1)

average production levels from 1986 through 1990. Grain growers, France said, would be required to set aside more than the 15 percent of their land called for in the revision of the Community's Common Agricultural Policy.

EC officials privately concede that a trade agreement with the United States and other farm exporting nations to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade might require further changes in later years than those already adopted by the Community.

But the EC Commission strongly disputed the French allegation that it had exceeded its negotiating mandate and said that Paris had misinterpreted the potential impact of a GATT trade agreement. Officials in Brussels also accuse France of trying to escape from its agree-

ment to make the cutbacks called for under the revision of the Common Agricultural Policy.

David Curry, Britain's junior farm minister, said that Mr. MacSparry described France's projections as "rubbish and nonsense."

Other governments called them alarmist, he said. U.S. officials are insisting that the Community guarantee to set a ceiling on oilseed output over the next six years as well as establish firm limits on farm exports in general. Much of the remaining negotiating between Washington and Brussels revolves around how specific they should be in spelling out those limits.

Meanwhile, Arthur Dunkel, director-general of GATT, which is based in Geneva, met Monday with top U.S. officials in Washington to stress that this week's EC-U.S. talks hold the key to six years of work on a pact to lower international trade barriers.

Mr. Dunkel, who had met Mr. MacSparry and Mr. Andersen on Friday, said he was more optimistic than before that both sides now had the political will to solve their disputes.

BANKS: Economy's Toll

(Continued from first finance page)

optimistic if indeed economic growth does slow to 0.5 percent," they added. The 0.5 percent figure is the 1993 growth estimated in October by Germany's five leading research institutes. On Monday, the government's council of economic advisers on Monday predicted the economy in Western Germany would show no real growth next year, while expectations for growth in Eastern Germany were revised downward to 6.5 percent.

Ms. Eisenblatter of SMH was more assertive. "Next year, partial operating profits won't grow as fast as in the past, while cost will continue to rise," she said. Particularly worrisome, she said, is that "domestic risks are growing as the number of bankruptcies rises."

"Under the right circumstances, the situation could get quite serious."

In general, analysts surveyed focused more on potential risks than potential rewards. Nevertheless, analysts suggested banks' 1993 earnings growth would slow, not come to a full stop.

Banks with a strong mortgage lending business such as HypoBank, Bayerische Vereinsbank and DePa Bank will outperform the big commercial banks, according to Reinhard Winkler, chairman of Rhine Securities Ltd., a London brokerage. "Mortgage banks are especially interest-rate sensitive," he said.

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140	135	0.25	4.0	15.0	140.00	135.00	...
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Stock markets were almost uniformly bleak across Asia on Monday... Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Sony Music Beats the Profit Drum

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO—Sony Music Entertainment Inc. bucked the trend of a dismal earnings season on Monday by reporting a 48.9 percent jump in pretax profit for the six months ended Sept. 30.

Strange Sale of Astra Shares Batters Confidence in Jakarta

JAKARTA—The distress sale of a big block of stock in one of the Jakarta exchange's bluest chips, in a way that appeared blatantly to violate disclosure rules, has cast a further pall over the troubled market, analysts and brokers said Monday.

Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Exchange, Index, Monday Close, Prev. Close, % Change. Includes data for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, New Zealand, Bombay.

China Investment Drains Taiwan Market

TAIPEI—A growing outflow of capital to China is undermining Taiwan's stock and property markets and may pose a long-term threat to the island's economy, analysts and officials said Monday.

Australia Sees Jobs Pinch

CANBERRA—Treasurer John Dawkins conceded Monday that unemployment would probably exceed government predictions in the fiscal year to June 30, leading to speculation that the governing Labor Party may have to revise downward its official growth forecasts.

Very briefly:

- Australia delayed the sale of part of its Qantas Airways Ltd. until mid-December in order to give the three bidders—British Airways, Singapore Airlines and Air New Zealand—more time to study sale conditions.
Johnson Electric Holdings, an electric-motor maker, told the Hong Kong Stock Exchange it was boosting its new share issue to 42.4 million shares from 40 million, under an option exercised by the lead manager.

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SPORTS FOOTBALL

Underdog With Bite Has College Bowl Games Scrambling

By William N. Wallace
NEW YORK — Presumption is a dangerous failing in college football when November rolls around.

Ames, Iowa, was one of those places when Iowa State, a modest team that had won only three games, took down mighty Nebraska on Saturday.

The Orange Bowl also lost out because the chance of matching

Lewis-Bruno Bout Likely

The Associated Press
LONDON — Lennox Lewis of Britain wants to fight Riddick Bowe for the heavy-weight title taken from Evander Holyfield, but it looks increasingly likely that Lewis will have to settle for compatriot Frank Bruno, according to many in British boxing circles.

2 Late TDs by 49ers Slam Door on Saints

By Bob Oates
Los Angeles Times Service
SAN FRANCISCO — The world got a new boxing champion over the weekend in Riddick Bowe, but there was no changing of the guard in the Western Division of the National Football Conference.

This division belongs to the San Francisco 49ers. They have won five of the last six Western titles—all but last year's—and they took a big step closer to another crown Sunday when they came from behind to beat the New Orleans Saints, 21-20, on Steve Young's 8-yard touchdown pass to tight end Brent Jones with 46 seconds left.

Everett and Gary Excel as Rams End the Cowboys' Streak

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The Rams' offense was not as sophisticated enough to run up the points needed to beat a quarterback who does all the things that Young can do.

No Saint netted more than 34 yards on a day when New Orleans quarterback Bobby Hebert threw two scoring passes, reaching rookie wide receiver Torrance Small from 22 yards for a 10-0 lead in the second quarter and running back Dalton Hilliard from 11 yards to make it 20-7 in the third quarter.

Hebert completed 22 of 35 passes for 301 yards, but he often had to throw on second-and-long or third-and-long.

Los Angeles 49ers: Steve Young 22-10-203, Brent Jones 1-1-8, Steve Watson 1-1-8, Steve Watson 1-1-8, Steve Watson 1-1-8.

San Francisco 49ers: Steve Young 22-10-203, Brent Jones 1-1-8, Steve Watson 1-1-8, Steve Watson 1-1-8, Steve Watson 1-1-8.



The Giants had the Broncos' John Elway on the run before driving him out of the game in the second quarter with a bruised shoulder.

The AP Top 25

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Points Per Game, Opponent Points Per Game. Lists top 25 college football teams.

With third-place votes in non-conference, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote and ranking in first week's poll.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Points Per Game, Opponent Points Per Game. Lists top 25 college football teams.

mighty Miami with the bowl's host team, the Big Eight champion, seemed considerably. In turn, the Sugar and Fiesta Bowl's prospects for a national championship game became more realistic.

The Big Eight champion — most likely Nebraska or Colorado — may not even be ranked in the top 10, and the Hurricanes want to play the highest-ranked team available to enhance their national-championship claims.

Following its 48-0 rout of Temple, Miami remained No. 1 in the poll, but it has some serious business ahead on Saturday, a visit to Syracuse, which was impressive again in defeating Boston College, 27-10.

Alabama, which struggled some in defeating Mississippi State, 30-21, held on to No. 2 in the poll. If it wins the Southeastern Conference championship game, Alabama will be the host team in the Sugar Bowl, and a game against Miami would

Black Sunday for NFL's Quarterbacks

The Associated Press

It was another round of "Clobber the Quarterback" with seven injured.

John Elway of Denver, Warren Moon of Houston, Jeff Hostetler of the New York Giants, Brett Favre of Green Bay, Browning Nagle of the New York Jets, Jeff George of Indianapolis and Neil O'Donnell of Pittsburgh were all hurt Sunday.

brained, Favre's left shoulder was separated, O'Donnell pulled a hamstring and Nagle's right foot was bruised.

They joined Paul Summs of the Giants, Bernie Kosar of Cleveland, Chris Miller of Atlanta and Hugh Miller of New England, who already were the sidelines.

yard gain on a second-and-7 play in the second quarter of Denver's 27-13 victory over the Giants. He lowered his head diving for the first down and was hit by safety Greg Jackson.

Hostetler was injured in the closing minutes as he was sacked for the fifth time in the game. He had to be helped off the field.

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Coppola's Dracula Tops Weekend Box Office

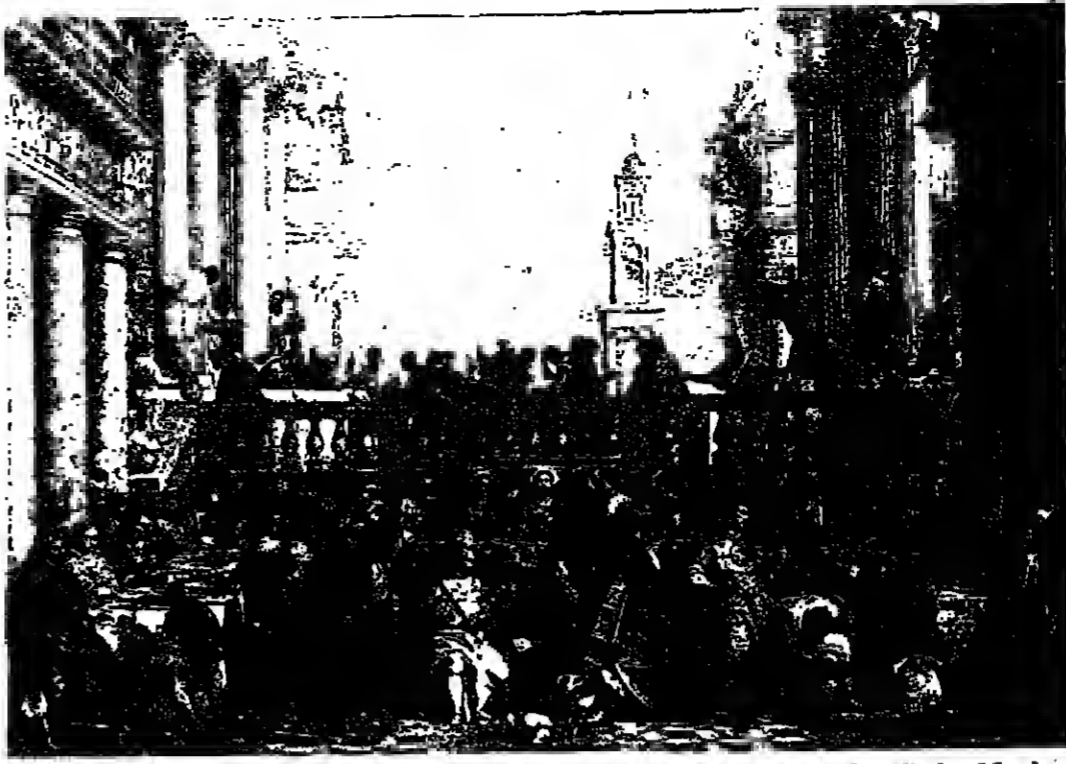
LOS ANGELES — "Bram Stoker's Dracula," Francis Ford Coppola's version of the horror epic, took in an estimated \$32 million to top the U.S. weekend box office sweepstakes.

"What about food? Will the restaurateurs change their menus?" As soon as the Clintons move in, McDonald's will feature catfish burgers on all its menus.

'Marriage at Cana': Restored or Defaced?

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

PARIS — After living through a controversial cleaning and a dramatic accident that left five gashes in its canvas, Veronese's "Marriage at Cana," one of the Louvre Museum's greatest Renaissance treasures, returned to public display Monday.



The Veronese masterpiece, one of the Louvre's greatest treasures, returned to public display Monday.

The damage caused when the Venetian masterpiece fell in June, is no longer visible to the naked eye. The colossal painting spent much of the summer undergoing plastic surgery as specialists glued, pressed and restouched the tears, three of which were about three to four feet (90 to 120 centimeters) long.

The grand biblical feast has changed more as a result of the painstaking cleanup, which has taken two and a half years — twice as long it took Veronese to paint it.

Although the work has been restored half a dozen times before, this latest effort has set off fierce arguments reminiscent of the fight over the cleaning of Michelangelo's murals in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican.

Alfonso Pérez Sánchez, the former director of Madrid's Prado Museum, surveying the painting said: "This is more a restoration than a restoration. That caramel blanket has gone and now there is a silver hue. The sky was an ugly green mass. It has improved enormously."

As a result of extensive X-ray work, the restorers have also taken some daring decisions which, they maintain, have brought the painting closer to the way it was when Veronese finished it in 1563.

The most drastic change affects a crucial figure in the foreground, the master of ceremonies, who spent almost four centuries dressed in a red-brown robe that is now green. Restorers said they decided to remove the red coat and expose the green layer beneath it after chemical and X-ray analysis convinced them that a painter other than Veronese had applied the red.

"The materials in the red were different and the treatment was coarse and flat, unlike Veronese," said Nathalie Volle, the curator who led the restoration team. "We don't know who did that. The painting was damaged there and restored." Outside experts called in by the Louvre before the metamorphosis concurred.

only the bottom half was coarse, due to the past repair. Jean Bazaine, a prominent painter who heads the group, in a letter to the Louvre, argued that studies of the master's work have shown that he often painted layers of different colors to give depth and light to a surface.

In interviews, Bazaine and other painters argued that the prominent red space was part of the internal logic of the painting, providing a balance amid cold tones of whites, greens and blues. By turning it green, they argued, the aspect of the painting has radically changed.

A lesser change was made on a guest holding a white napkin. His red cape also covered up a green garment that was first exposed but restorers, citing historical reasons, have turned the garment into a red doublet.

But the group of artists is asking for more reflection and debate that includes artists themselves. Valerio Adami, an Italian painter in Paris chided: "Restorers need more modesty. They can be very dangerous because they are convinced that they are right but they refuse to admit that they represent the taste of our time."

The X-ray of the "Marriage at Cana," made before the cleaning, has turned up some discoveries that have delighted art historians. Now on display opposite the restored work, the life-size X-ray reveals some of the secret history of the painting and the blemishes on its stony life.

It shows dozens of holes from the nails with which the huge canvas was fixed to the refectory wall in the Abbey of San Giorgio Maggiore, until it was ripped down on orders of Napoleon I. Once in France, it was unstitched across the middle and turned into two separate paintings to facilitate its hanging.

Most exciting for Veronese students are the tell-tale marks of where the master changed his mind. On the X-ray, the violinist in the center was leaning to the right to read a sheet of music, but Veronese then made him sit upright and play. The wine taster's left arm, now resting on his hip, at first was stretched out. Above the base player, a servant pouring wine for Christ was perhaps seen as a misstep because he was converted into two talking heads.

Officials of the Louvre, who first tried to bush up and then belittle the June accident, are now taking evident pride in the invisible mending and the transformation of the work. It is now the centerpiece of a Veronese exhibition that was inaugurated Monday with much fanfare. The "Marriage at Cana" will remain on display and the temporary show will continue until March 29.

PEOPLE

Gilligan's Island Hits Chicago as a Musical

And now it's a musical: A charter boat out of Hawaii is shipwrecked on a desert island, and the dimwitted first mate, Gilligan, foils every rescue bid by incurable bumbling. "Gilligan's Island: The Musical" opened at Chicago's Organic Theatre as a doleful appealing stage show with everything the television series had, and more.

The British author Julia Barnes was awarded France's Femina prize for best foreign novel for his book "Love, Etc." on Monday, while the American lawyer-turned-author Louis Begley won the best foreign novel prize in the Medias awards for "A Polish Education."

Brightly Bardot, 58, was hospitalized briefly in St. Tropez to have her stomach pumped after taking too many tranquilizers. She was under stress because of her increasing workload in trying to save animals, said her husband, Bernard D'Ormale. He stressed that it was not a suicide attempt.

Learning English, the TV comedy duo: Martina Navratilova says she learned her English by watching TV shows like "Star Trek," "I Love Lucy," and "The Dick Van Dyke Show." The Czechoslovakian-born tennis star said "Lucy" is still a favorite but she still watches a lot of others.

Mike Zwerin, jazz-writer for the International Herald Tribune, has been named a knight of France's Order of Arts and Letters by Jack Lang, the minister of culture.

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BOOKS

FROM BIRDLAND TO BROADWAY: Jazz Stories

By Bill Crow. 273 pages. \$24. Oxford University Press. Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

For one thing, it focuses more on other musicians than on the author himself. More to the point, it engages in none of the druggy, boozey despair that, since "Young Man With a Horn," has characterized so much fictional and autobiographical writing about jazz.

Crow has had a hard-working, happy, notably straight life. He left Washington state in 1950, an army veteran who wanted a taste of the jazz life in Manhattan before he got on to whatever his real life would be. He found his way to Birdland, "The Jazz Corner of the World," and a seat in the "bleachers," where impetuous jazz lovers could sit for nothing more than the basic price of admission.

By Robert Byrne

In their final game, Bobby Fischer led his king position, Boris Spassky's prime target, but Spassky's knight, normally the king's best defender, to counterattack on the other side of the board, and Spassky responded over-optimistically.

CHess

But this time when Spassky played 9...Nc1, which anticipates 9...Nc5, Fischer cleared the way for his king bishop with the daring 9...Nd7, which took an important defensive piece away from his king position, and after 10.Nb3, advanced 10...a5!! to shake up the enemy formation with 11...a4.

CHess

Spassky headed off this disruption with 11...a4, but this left a hole on b4, and Fischer plopped a knight in there at once. Had Spassky started his mating attack immediately with 12.g4, Fischer could have countered with 12...hg 13.g5 e5! because 14.de Nc5 15.Nc5 de 16.Bc5 Qd1 17.Rd1 Bg4 yields him the initiative in a secure formation.

CHess

On Fischer's counterstroke with 14...c5, Spassky's best course might have been to keep the center as closed as possible with 15.d5, although after 15...Nc5, with 16...e6 to follow, it would be very difficult to stop Fischer from seizing the initiative.

CHess

After 17.Nd5, it would have been wrong to capture with 17...Nc6 because 18.Nb4 ab 19.hg 20.Nc6 Qd1 21.Qd5 Qe6 22.Ne7 more than gets White out of all danger. Instead, Fischer calmly mobilized his queen bishop with 17...Bb7.



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